

STRANGE

BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL

SKETCHES OF

THE STRANGES OF AMERICA

AND

ACROSS THE SEAS

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INTRODUCTORY.

In presenting to my relatives, friends and correspondents, this little volume of family sketches, I must acknowledge that it was begun, not for publication, but merely as a private inquiry after family history; such as every intelligent member of a family should desire and possess with pride.

From whence did we come? and who were our ancestors? are questions every one should be able to answer, as to his own immediate family. Yet strange as it may seem very few American families, can answer these questions, and ours was one of them.

Answers to my first series of letters revealed the truth that very few Stranges in this country could give their ancestry back more than four generations. I found some five or six Stranges in different parts of the country who have been making similar inquiries to mine, and all of them, after a brief correspondence had erroneously concluded that their own family was not related to any other branch of the American Stranges. But upon putting the results of their inquiries side by side, and comparing them, the conclusion was inevitable, that somewhere, and at some time, there was a common origin. The similarity of names, the divergence from given points of emigration, the traditions as to forefathers, the striking resemblance in personal characteristics, and many other peculiarities; all indicated, that at least the Virginia, South and North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio Stranges, if accurately traced back from twelve to fifteen generations, the various lines of descent would merge into a common parentage. Much additional light, especially as to relations across the waters, was given by Mr. Lewis A. A. Strange, to whom I am deeply indebted. To Hon. Daniel Strange, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Miss Annie V. Strange of Taunton, Mass., David C. Strange of Cooper, Texas. Hon. J. T. Strange of Marion, Ind., Samuel Hyman Strange of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Mrs. J. M. Benson of Pueblo, Colo., and others I owe a debt of gratitude for their help and sympathetic interest.

While it must be admitted that I have not been able to trace and establish the missing links; enough has been ascertained, to satisfy me at least, that the various families,

at an early day located in the states named, had a common ancestry; and that away back in the misty past they had their origin in the isles and hills of bonnie Scotland. Notwithstanding, England, France and Wales had been by many the immediate emigration point to America. As my notes are too extensive to publish in full, and as they do not present an unbroken line of descent, I will only give a series of family sketches with the hope that they may be worth preserving by our friends and that some one better equipped with time, money and ability, may in the future take up the same line of inquiry and successfully complete the task in a satisfactory manner.

I have not tried to extol the merits, or boast of the achievements, of the people with whom I claim relationship. Neither eminence or renown has rested heavily on our people. We belong to the nobility known as "The common people" and the old fashioned virtues of honesty, industry, and loyalty to God and country, have been our distinguishing family characteristics.

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CHAPTER I. HISTORICAL NOTES.

To make a connected and unquestioned history of the Stranges in this country, and in other, and older countries, is not and, perhaps, never will be possible. The author has only compiled a series of brief sketches and genealogical notes, and present them under such general headings as would seem appropriate. Under this heading is presented several sketches of facts from history, mostly in foreign lands, by way of laying the foundation for such comments and conclusions, as shall be made from time to time, and which I hope will meet the approbation of my Strange readers.

I THE ROSE OF LA STRANGE.

For meritorious services rendered; William the Norman, made a gift of the historic Hunstanton Hall located near Sandringham, England, to the Le Stranges and their descendants. The condition of the gift was that the Le Stranges were to annually present to the King on St. John the Baptist's day a rose. Hence the estate and the custom was known by the poetic name of the "Rose of Le Strange"

Hunstanton Hall, was and is yet, a fashionable seaside resort, and was for many years the seat of government for the Le Stranges of England, and, while the presentation of the rose has been discontinued, and the feudal order of government lost, as a relic of the past, yet the property remains in the family, the present lady who presides at its functions being an American lady formerly a Miss Emeline Austin of Washington City, D. C., who Le Strange became acquainted with and married, while serving his government as an attache to the English legation in Washington.

II COAT OF ARMS.

Early in Scottish, French and English history, chivalry was in public estimation the chief characteristic of

manhood, Heraldry was a ruling passion of the wealthy and eminent. The De Strangs, De Stranges, and De Le Stranges, like most other distinguished families, had their seat of government; one being at Hustantun hall, Greatūra, Salop, England. Each branch of the family, whether of French, Scottish or English, had the same Coat of Arms, as is shown from the "General Armory records of Great Britain." According to the law of the land at that time, those wearing and entitled to wear, a Coat of Arms, on a helmet or shield, were protected in the right by law, and were at the same time held responsible to the government by law in certain requirements of loyalty, and were annually required to pay to the Crown a tax for the privilege of this distinction.

The common insignia of the various Strange families was a lion, rampant, with head erect and tail extended, and when worn as a wreath, the words "Party per fesse sa" were used in connection with the lion. The design was practically the same as that worn by Richard I. in his Crusade in the Holy Land, and by Henry I, II, & III, and it is presumed that the design was adopted as an indication of loyalty to the reigning Monarchs. It is known that the De Stranges of those times held close diplomatic relations with the Crown. These facts from history are here given to show, as they conclusively do, the kinship which must have existed between all the branches of the family in that day, and as the Stranges of America are all descended from some branch of the Stranges of Europe of more recent times, it is practically certain that in the remote past we are all of one common origin, and we will try to show, further on that the original starting point was Scotland.

III THE SCOTTISH STRANGES.

In speaking of the Scottish Stranges, Weaver in his "Funeral Monuments" page 530 says, "This family first appeared in England at certain jousts of arms that took place at Passeville castle in the peaks of Derbyshire. There were present on this occasion Owen Prince of Wales, and

among others, of less note were two sons of the Duke of Brittany, one of whom from his foreign birth was called Guido Le Strange." These jousts were political conferences and attended by men only of well known diplomatic ability.

From subsequent references to this family it appears that Guido and his brother became the progenitors of many of the Le Stranges of England, and it is of record that the "Rose of Le Strange" was a distinguishing characteristic of their families for many decades.

The early latin records called them "Extranis" meaning strange. From the fact that they were brought from Scotland by King Henry in 1148 to England, and were strangers to England.

From the English Armory records, there appears eleven families that were brought from Scotland to England, among whom we have the names of Sir Roger Le Strange, a grandson of John Le Strange, Governor of Salop, who was called to Parliament in 1295, and whose marriage was recorded in 1303; Numerous Stranges of England today claim him as their progenitor. The large colony in Gloucestershire are classed as belonging to this family.

This colony numbers several thousand today, and they appear to be strange by manner as well as by name; says one who recently visited them in their native habitat. Other very early Stranges of Scotland are mentioned among the Ancestors of Sir Robert Strange.

IV. SIR ROBERT STRANGE.

Through the kindness of Hon. John T. Strange, of Marion, Ind., I obtained the loan of "The Memoirs of Sir Robert Strange Knt. Engraver, and Member of Several Academies of Design, and of his Brother-in-law Andrew Lumisden, Private Secretary to the Stuart Princes". These memoirs are in two volumes and were written by James Dennestoun of Dennistoun, England, and were published in 1855 in London.

Mrs. Dennistoun, wife of the Author was a niece of Thomas Strange, the son of Sir Robert.

These memoirs are interesting and there is much in them, that I would like to quote; but the limits of this paper require the utmost brevity, so I only give the Ancestry of Sir Robert as given in these volumes. Sir Robert was born in the Island of Pomona in the Orkneys, July 14th, 1721. His father was David Strange, of Kirkwall in the Orkneys, who was born in 1689, his wife was Jean Scolly, a lady of the highest standing. He possessed large land estates which descended to Sir Robert on his death, which occurred in 1733, when Sir Robert was only twelve. The grand father of Sir Robert was James Strange, a Merchant of Kirkwall, who married Isabel Irvine, the great Ancestor of Washington Irving. James Strange was the son of Andrew Strange, of South Ronaldsky, a Notary Public as shown by records in 1642. Andrew was the son of David Magnus Strange, also of South Ronaldsky. Here the record is slightly broken, but McTaggart an English historian says that the earlier local Scotch records show that John Strange of Ronaldsky, was possessed of these estates as early as 1363, that he married Celia Annstruther, and that the estates, and the name, was, or then became, legally the perpetual property of the Stranges. Here we have a skip till 1440 when we find that another John Strange was in charge of the estates and honorary title. Again our record is blank till 1615 when owing to great indebtedness against the estates, they, the estates, but not the name, was sold or confiscated for debt, and thus passed out of the Strange control, until restored by King George III. This brings the record up to about the time of David Magnus Strange above referred to.

The Scotch Stranges drifted into England during the wars in the time of the Stuarts, and Sir Robert with them, as will be shown later. From England their relatives and descendants crossed the Atlantic to seek their fortunes in the new world. There is a wide-spread tradition that we are all descended from Sir Robert. This could not have been true, but there is strong evidence that many of our forefathers were related to that prominent family.

It is of record that Sir John Strange, an English Knight, came to this country and lived here till his death at an early day. This would hardly have been true had

be not have had or brought with him relatives, and there was no other Strange entitled to be knighted that we know of except the family to which Sir Robert belonged,

V. THE WELSH STRANGES.

Among the first arrivals to this country of which we have any record, were two brothers, John and Lot Strange, who came from Wales and settled at or near Portsmouth, R. I., in or about 1610. They each had wives named Alice, and at least one of them John, raised a family. His son Lot, married Alice Sherman, raising a family of seven children, the youngest also being named Lot; and on reaching manhood he married Hannah Hathaway, and to them were born an even dozen children, the third of these, John, selected a Miss Johanna Joselyn as wife, and they are credited with seven children, the youngest being Charles, who married Esther Babbitt, and they became the possessors of a family of thirteen, the twelfth of whom, they named John, and he, marrying Orina Sprague, became sponsor for four children, the second of whom is the Hon. Daniel Strange, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who furnished me with the information, Daniel Strange, is the Inventor of the "Correct Interest Calculator" and is the Author of the "Tariff Manual" and other scientific and legal books. Daniel is the father of five children, and possibly by this time, of grand children. So that we have in this sketch at least eight generations, covering a period of over three hundred years of American history. Daniel gives me the names of over one hundred and sixty descendants of the two brothers first named. While it can scarcely be doubted that these Stranges are of the same original stock of people as the Straungs, Strangus, and De Stranges, from whom we are descended, yet we have no means, at this late day, of showing the connections.

VI. THE STRANGES OF ENGLISH HISTORY

I have mentioned the eminent artist and diplomat, Sir Robert Strange elsewhere; and have also shown, that the

Stranges were on close diplomatic relations to the crown in the French wars of pre-colonial days. A brief mention of two or three others whose names appear as prominent in English history may not be out of place.

Major General Robert Montague Strange, was Commander of the armies of East India from about 1802 to 1811, in which year he died at the age of fifty-one, a scholarly General.

An Associate of Lord Chief Justice Mansfield of The Kings Bench, and a graduate of Oxford, was Sir Thomas Andrew Strange, a member of the House of Lords, a wealthy merchant and shipper and at a later period appointed by the Crown as Chief Justice of Halifax. A man of high attainments in political and diplomatic circles.

James Charles Stuart Strange, was for awhile connected with the English forces in India, and was an extensive promoter of great enterprises in London and India, where he lived and died in 1840 being in his eighty-seventh year, rich in wealth and accomplishments and possessing a name above reproach.

The ship *Pauline* in 1619 brought to American shores the Hon. William Strange, on a diplomatic mission for the King. He afterward, in 1635 returned to this country, on a second mission of the King, and with his brother Robert, intending to make this their native land, which they did; the descendants of whom, however, I have not been able to trace.

Others might be named, but these will suffice to show that the Stranges of England were not all illiterate or unknown.

VII. SCOTTISH STRANGES.

Among the most prominent of the Stranges who came directly from Scotland to this country, may be named the ancestry of Samuel Hyman Strange of Fayetteville, North Carolina. They claim to be descended from Robert Strange, who died in Glasgow Scotland about 1745. His son or grandson, James with his wife, formerly Nancy French came to America, and for some time the family lived in Virginia. Their son Robert was born in Virginia in

1796, and with his wife, who was Nancy Kirkland came to North Carolina, locating at Fayetteville, where their descendants still live. Robert was a lawyer by profession and was recognized as one of the strongest jurists of his day. He represented his state in the U. S. Senate, resigning on account of opposition to the policy of the Government at that time. Among his seven children was James W., who married Mary Hyman, and became the parents of ten children. One of these was Samuel Hyman, who has kindly furnished me with the information here given. He married Laura McBanks, and they live at Myrtle Hill, N. C., where he farms on an extensive scale, and is recognized as a strong and progressive citizen, having been appointed by the Governor of his state to represent North Carolina in the Farmers' National Congress for several terms. He has a son also named Samuel Hyman.

The Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor East Carolina says in a letter to me, that from his Scottish correspondents he learns that his forefathers were of the same stock of people as the Stranges and De Stranges of Scotland and England. We are fully justified in concluding that the progenitors of this family and ours were blood relations. To connect them, however we would have to get back over four hundred years.

VIII. HISTORICAL DATA.

L. A. A. Strange of La Fontaine, Kansas, in his very interesting brochure on the Ancestors of the American Stranges gives many brief items of history gathered from various sources, too voluminous to be reproduced here; the following, however, is culled therefrom.

During the reign of Henry II from 1150 to 1189 the Le Stranges and the De Le Stranges materially aided the King in forming an alliance with the Anglo Saxons, and during this period their names are of frequent occurrence in the records in events of state and historical importance. During this period the "Rose of Le Strange" was an insignia of recognized friendship to the King, by all branches

of the family, whether of English, Scottish or French parentage. Later, on account of the strenuous protestant views of the Le Stranges a bitter persecution was forced on them, giving cause for many anxieties and annoyances. In 1683 Daniel De L. Strange accepted a commission from the King to come to America. Before embarking, however, his young wife was captured, and to escape, gave her young babe up to her captors, who held it for a ransom, by her French Catholic captors. No evidence appears that she ever regained her child.

The French De Sirange, is the same, says L. A. A. Stranga, as the De L. Strange, and the families bore the same shield and coat of arms as the De Strangs and the Strangs of Scotland, and in the Memoirs of Sir Robert Strange, by James Pennistown, he says, that the word Strang is the same as our word Strong, and the name was given them on account of their great physical strength as men.

The D. Strang of the "Cowpens" of Revolutionary times was a descendant of the De Strangs of France and it is a matter of private history that he held diplomatic relations with the French Government, as did also Gideon Alloway Strange of Virginia. This fact was again recognized by the French during the recent civil war, when Edward Murguder Stranga, a fine French scholar of Norfolk, Va., held similar relations with the French and was promised and confidently expected to receive, from this country a commission as Embassy to France. But owing to the exigencies of war, in some way, never received the promised honor.

Among the French refugees to this country, who came here to escape Catholic persecution; was James De L. Strange, who assumed the common name of Strange, on arriving here, and who owned and managed a tavern at Rye, New York, for many years. This historic tavern became the rendezvous of many of the Stranges of the times, and many historic events are said to have had their inception in the conferences held under its protecting roof.

IX. CORROBORATIVE HISTORY.

L. A. A. Strange, of La Fontaine, Kas., to whom I owe more than to any one else, for the early historical information here given, in a private letter to me says: "The Stranges of history as well as of this day are too reserved for their own good. This has made it hard to follow their records. However, the emigrant records and the census reports of 1783-85 and '90 have recorded them despite their reticence."

"I have the Strange records by good authority back to 1148, and have looked particularly into them, from the stand-point of who I am, and from whence I came."

"Considering the Eleven Strange families of Scotland, the two Strange families of France and the one from Wales, as shown in British general Armory records, showing their emigration into England, and their fleeing to America to avoid the persecution of Nantes, I am fully satisfied that our ancestry are from the same general stock of people."

"It should be borne in mind that the coat of Arms of the fourteen families from the three countries has never varied. The records show a clear and unbroken chain of evidence that all these fourteen families were related by recognized blood ties."

"The Rampant Lion with tail extended and head erect and the family crest has remained the same through all the armorial records."

Our ancestry withstood the persecution in France to the limit. From France fleeing to the British Isles and thence to America after many decades. These facts together with the early history in various countries of Virginia; South Carolina and New England, are all so convincing as leave no room for doubt as to our ancestry, and the blood relationship of the various families of Stranges of today in this country."

X. EARLIEST IMMIGRANTS.

In his "Ancestral Notes" L. A. A. Strange says, that he has gathered from the General English Armory, a list

of fourteen families who crossed the waters to try their fortunes, and partly to escape from persecution from religious intolerance, in the new world. All of these families assumed the common name of Strange on landing in the "Land of the Free," or possibly had dropped the prefix "Le" or "De Le" long before coming. Two of these families were from France, eleven from Scotland, originally. But most of them directly from England, and one was from Wales.

These families settled mostly in Virginia, though some of them located in the New England states, and one may have located as far south as South Carolina.

The first, so far as we know was John Strange, who came from Wales and settled in Portsmouth, R. I., in 1610.

The second one of which we have an account was James Strange, who first came to America in 1619. He was then in the employ of the British government under the command of Sir George Yeardly, and the trip was made in the ship "George." After seeing the country, he returned to Great Britain, resigned his commission, and with one brother came again to the new world, in the ship *Pauline*, commanded by Capt. Betts of the British navy, and settled near Jamestown, Va. Here he became a large land holder, among other holdings, was a grant made him and others of 1290 acres near Jamestown, and "Extending into the woods" whatever that may mean; this grant was made these men for meritorious services for the British government. This grant was recorded in 1635, Nov. 26th, and was in Charles City, County the papers being signed by West for the government.

Another one whose name I have not got, came with a colony known as the Thuryham colony and tried to establish homes, but owing to scarcity of food and other privations were compelled to abandon the effort and joined the Plymouth colony to preserve life. The date of other arrivals is not fully established.

XI. WASHINGTON IRVING.

The grand father of Sir Robert Strange, was James Strudge of South Ronaldsky, Scotland. He owned vast

land estates, which subsequently were heired by Sir Robert. The records show that in 1642 he was a Notary Public, a position of appointment of importance in that day. His second wife was Isabel Irvine, whose father was the progenitor of Washington Irving.

The mother of Ex-President "Teddy" Roosevelt was a Miss Bulloch a relative of Ex-Governor Bulloch of Georgia and one of the descendants of Isabel Irvine and husband, from which family the wives of one or more of the Stranges of the Southland were drafted. This does not quite justify us in speaking of these celebrities as uncle "Wash" or cousin "Teddy."

These few facts gathered from history, to which many other matters of similar character might be added, are sufficient to show that the prevalent opinion of our people is true, that the Stranges of this country, so far as we have inquired into their past, either came directly from Scotland, or from England, Wales or France, after an earlier Scottish origin.

XII. PROOFS AND CONCLUSIONS. —

The investigations into matters of English history referred to here, and elsewhere, in this Volume, were mostly made by the Hon. L. A. A. Strange, of La Fontaine, Kansas. These references, as well as my own, into American history are very fragmentary, and considered alone would have little weight; but when considered as parts of one common whole are strongly convincing. I can only give a very brief synopsis of them here.

The earliest known references were early in the fourteenth Century, when owing to unusual physical strength, the Scottish Strangs were called "Strang" or strong. See McTear's English History.

The London Stranges came directly from the Scottish Strangs, spelling the name as it was often pronounced in Scotland, *Siraing*. See Andrew Lumislen's Memoirs.

The forfeiting and recovering of titles to the name and legal honors in several instances by the Stranges are matters of English history, also of Scottish record.

The Accomplishments of the Stranges in Art and Literature was summarized and published by Wiegel in Leipsic in 1848.

The Scotch emigrants to England, Wales and France were known as Extranei or Extranieuses, on account of their importation into the councils of state and in diplomatic circles.

Some of the various forms used in the Armorial records of these Extranieuses were Strang, De Strang, Le Strang, De Le Strange, De Le Strang, De Siraing, De Strange and Strange.

The Coat of Arms, as well as the wreath and shield which often accompanied it or were used in connection, were practically the same in every branch of the above named families.

The common relationship was recognized in the meetings and records of the English Court of Strange, or De Strange, where matters of state were frequently discussed and decided. See Armorial records.

Han Prutz, History of Henry II; Plantagenet by Stephens; County records of Gloucester county; Cirenter; and Mouns Court; Somerford Keynes; and others all give testimony to this position.

Among the accomplishments in diplomacy and personal references on matters of state may be mentioned these: Compromise with Eleanor of Aquitaine; Lands granted to the Union; Saving Pope from Humiliation; Father-in-law to Henry the Lion; Reforms judiciary; Struggle with the Clergy; Accused of murdering Thomas A. Becket; Reconciled to the Pope. Sends Knight to the Holy Land; French Wars; Disloyalty to Henry's Sons; and others, see records above referred to and English Armorial records. Full list of pages and books given me by L. A. A. S.

R. R. Bennett's Genealogical Bureau examined the Census Records and the Land Transfer records of Charles City, Va., for me and gave some valuable information.

The Records of the Colonial Dames of Virginia gives a valuable list of the Early Virginia settlers furnished me by Mrs. Roberts of Richmond, Va.

Hotten's Lists of Emigrants were made to throw con-

siderable light on the early immigrants to American Shores.

From these sources it is reasonably certain that the Stranges of Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, and other parts of the United States except the New England branches, which I have not examined (bilo) are all related and of one original Scotch origin, though their immediate forefathers may have come from England, Wales or France.

There is strong proof of this in the traditions common to all branches of the name, among which may be mentioned; "The Three Brother Tradition;" The Tradition of great physical strength by our early ancestors; The fact and tradition of the Lion on the Coat of Arms; The tradition of Relationship with the London Stranges of eminence; and the tradition of French persecution for Conscience sake in religious matters. All spoken of by every American branch with few exceptions.

For these and many other reasons we are warranted in concluding that we are of common descent and have a continuous history for about six hundred years that will bear out this conclusion.

CHAPTER II.

EARLY AMERICAN NOTES.

Leaving the fragmentary references that we find of the Stranges in the countries beyond the waters, and taking up the chain of historical references we find in our own country, and before we begin to give family sketches; a few scattering facts will here be given, some of which we use further on, and some of which we cannot show any blood relation to, though we do not doubt that they were. These are used at this place for their historical value, and are referred to frequently in following sketches. Others of less historic value will be given further on.

XIII. THE VIRGINIA STRANGES.

From Mrs. Roberts, the Secretary of the Colonial Dames of America, we have the following entries taken from the records of the old church in St. Peter's Parish, Kent county, Va., where the earliest of our people lived, and were the founders of that historic church. A cut of which appears in Woodrow Wilson's History of the American People. Births and marriages in church records are always of more prominence than other events and of less value, however, these recorded events are very interesting.

Anne Strange, wife of Alex Strange was baptized, April 12th, 1704, and other entry is that Alex Strange, died Sept. 2d. 1725. Then we have these entries of children of Alex. Judith (Strange) wife of Thomas Weaver, was baptized Dec. 6th, 1716. Michael Strange, baptized Oct. 26th, 1716. Elizabeth Strange, baptized April 12th, 1702. Elmor Strange, baptized Jan. 14th, 1709 and Robert Strange, baptized Jan. 5th, 1706. Now from this it would appear that Alex Strange had children as early as 1702; then there were two children seemingly older than these, and possibly from an earlier wife, they were Thomas, born about 1680, to 1690, as he had children born as follows, Mary born June 28th, 1712, David born Sept. 28th, 1714; Owen, born Jan. 23d, 1716, and Thomas, born Aug. 24th, 1719. Then there was a son Henry, who was born some time in the latter part of the seventeenth century, all we have to show his record is that he had a son Edmond who was born January 9th, 1729 and who was baptized Feb. 22d, 1730. The records further show that David died in 1714, and that Mary was baptized Aug. 12th, 1712.

The records further show that there was an Alexander Jr., who had a family, whether he was the same Alexander or another we cannot determine. He was baptized Oct. 18th, 1690 and had a wife named Sarah. He had as children Francis, born Nov. 11th, 1718, Joseph and Benjamin; twins, born March 14th, 1716. Elizabeth, born Feb. 7th, 1714, and baptized Jan. 28th, 1750. Also Janet, born Dec. 10th, 1715. These are all clustered into three or four families, then there were mentioned Mitchell Strange who died April 20th, 1717, and John Strange,

whose wife died February 2d, 1755, that we cannot show any relationship with the others.

XIV. AMOS BRADFORD STRANGE.

Captain Amos B. Strange, the great grand father of the writer, was born in Kent county, Virginia, about 1750 to 1755. Was a young man when the war of the Revolution came on. He enlisted three times in the service of the government, first for nine months, next for seven months and last for six months. But really served throughout the war, and drew a pension of eight dollars after its close, his widow continuing to receive it for the eighteen years that she survived him. After the close of the war, he married Francis Bayley, in 1788, the daughter of an Irish settler in South Carolina, named William Bayley. Amos Strange was the son of Edmond Strange, of Kent county, Virginia, who was born in that state, as recorded in the records of the Peters Parish church, on the 9th day of January, 1729. His father being Henry Strange, who also was of Virginia birth. We do not know the date of Henry's birth, but he had a brother, Robert, who was born June 5th, 1706, so it is probable that Henry was born about the beginning of the eighteenth century. As shown elsewhere, his parents were English, with Scottish ancestry.

Capt. Amos Strange was a strong men physically, and in his personality. A Captain and Drill Master in the war; a money maker in times of peace; leaving an estate in Virginia to locate in South Carolina with his Irish wife; leaving the church his forefathers founded in Virginia, he became the founder of a church there. He made at least one trip back to Virginia on horseback to secure his estate, but failed, and after his death, some further unsuccessful efforts were made to secure it. The Captain was with General Gates in the capture of Saratoga, and was also with him in his defeat at Camden. He was a Captain of Militia in the war of 1812. His death was about 1835, at the age of 86 years. The memory of Captain Amos Strange

is more firmly embedded in the minds of his descendants, and referred to with more reverence than any other of our ancestors. His four children are noticed further on.

NV. WILLIAM HENRY STRANGE.

The foreparent of many of the Tennessee Stranges, was undoubtedly of our people. But to show the relationship has been a matter of considerable inquiry, and I must confess the result has not altogether been satisfactory.

Henry Clay Strange, of Nashville, Tenn., says that William Henry was born not far from 1785 to '99 in Virginia. That he was the youngest son of his father, but does not remember the name of the father. He says he had three brothers, and one half brother. The full brothers were, Parram, Goodwin, and Spencer; the half brother was Amos; no account is given of the first three, except that Spencer went to Christian county, Kentucky, where he married and had at least one son, named Benjamin, who also married and raised a family.

Our great grand father was an Amos, but as he was married in 1788, and this Amos was born perhaps several years later, they could not have been the same, as the Tennessee Stranges seem to think. But the relationship could easily have been in this way: Edmond Strange, the father of our Amos, could easily have remarried in late life, and have had a son William Henry, who might have been named Henry from his father, and for whom our grand father may have been named. As there is only about twenty years between the Amos of our family and the William Henry of their family, this supposition is tenable. David C. Strange says that our Amos had a half brother named William Henry, and Franklin Strange, agrees with David C. in that statement.

While this matter is open to question, that evidence of relationship is so strong as to admit of scarcely a doubt.

William Henry had ten children; I will briefly review four of them, the others were Benjamin Sr., who himself had ten children, among whom were Keller, Benjamin, Florence, and Blanche. Susan, who married, had one son,

and Blanche and Florence, neither of whom married. Briant went to Mississippi and William died young.

See sketches for Turner, Rush, Goodwin and Theodore.

XVI. PREACHERS AND LAWYERS.

Quite a number of Stranges have been reported to me, who for some special ability, were widely known; but as their family connection have not been given, I am unable to locate them with reference to their genealogy, and pass them by. I mention here only a few. Rev. John Stranga, a Methodist minister, of Ohio, is said to have been a very strong preacher, but I have no account of his antecedents or descendants, except that he was related to the Virginia Stranges. Another Rev. John Strange also of Ohio, and the son of a preacher, whose name I do not know, was born in Virginia, but lived in Ohio, till about grown, when he went to Indiana. He was born in 1789, November 15th, and died December 2d, 1832, reviewed elsewhere. He had a son, William R., who was born in Indiana, January 22d, 1825, and who also had a son, John, born in Indianapolis, who now lives at Broadripple, Ind. He was born December 10th, 1857. Among the legal fraternity, David Strange, of Virginia, was ranked as one of the great lawyers of his day, although I have failed to get any account of his family connections.

Col. Buford Strange, of Kentucky, was a man widely known as a lawyer and public speaker. All I have heard of him is that he had one son, named John, who entered the Ministry of the M. E. church, and had a reputation as a speaker of more than local note.

I mention these, and mig't mention others, as some one else may make them fill a gap somewhere that might clear up some lost links in our genealogical lineup.

XVII. BY WORD OF MOUTH.

One of the strongest proofs we have of the relationship between the scattering families of Stranges in Ameri-

ca, is in the transmission of names, as well as traditions. In the pioneer days our country's early settlement, when telegraphs and telephones were not dreamed of, when rail roads were unheard or read of, when even mail was only a reminiscence to most, of their English or Scottish homeland; The Courier or "Word of Mouth" was the only means of communication.

From time to time some one, with a well developed roving bump, having heard of a family of Stranges in an adjoining county, or an adjacent state, would pack up his few belongings, and finding the blazed trail, follow it to the "Strange" settlement, for which he sought; there to unload his store of news, of births, deaths, family events and maybe scandal. The returning traveler repeating the same stories of those further in the interior. Thus, much knowledge was received and transmitted to posterity, all unknown to many, as to how it came or from what source. In this way, when babies were plenty and names few, family names were repeated all along down the line. Thus we have, for instance, "Winstan" from Virginia to South Carolina, from there to Tennessee and Kentucky and from and North Kentucky and Tennessee into Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and even Michigan.

Again we hear of Archelaus or Archer, from the sea shore to the mountains of the middle states, and from there to the plains of the West. The name Alloway, though claimed by one family as a heritage, escapes their espionage, and crops up in the various scattering families of the country. Even our family name, Berry, is claimed by the Joseph Charner family, who said, when I began to correspond with them, that we were not related. Charles Alexander, crossed the Atlantic and is still continuing to travel as it has been for three hundred years. Benjamin and Joseph are not merely Bible names but "Strange" ones by long adoption. Edmond, comes all the way from Gloucestershire, to the shores of Virginia, and continues a hundred years into South Carolina and possibly longer as a family asset.

I might mention other instances, all of which add great weight to the now almost certain fact, that a common relationship existed and was by "Word of Mouth" recognized in an early day, though all unknown to many of our people.

XVIII. LINE OF DESCENT.

Taking the list of early Virginia Stranges as the beginning of the Strange family to which the writer belongs, and which we are fully justified in doing for various reasons; among which may be enumerated the following; we know that the father of Amos Strange was Edmond, and that Edmond's father was Henry, and we have reason to believe that Alexander was one of our progenitors and may have been the father of Henry, together with many traditions, as to the names, time and place of their living, coupled with the facts as above set forth, we have the following line of descent for our family.

1. Alexander, who may have been born in England, we cannot say, and whose birth was not far from 1665, or '70 and whose children were Judith, Michael, Anne, Elizabeth, Ellinor and Robert, that we know of, and whose wife was Anne, who died in 1725. Also two earlier children and possibly three, who became heads of families as shown, Thomas and Henry, and possibly Alexander, Jr.

2. Henry, who was born not far from 1700, and who was younger than either Thomas or Alexander, Jr., though older than the other children mentioned. Our only record of him is that Alexander had a son, Henry, and he became the father of Edmond.

3. Edmond, son of above, born Jan. 9th, 1729, and baptized February 22, 1730. It is believed that Edmond has many children, as various family records place their line back to either this or some other Edmond, but all we know is that the Amos of our family was a son of Edmond, and that Wm. Henry of Tennessee was probably a son by a second wife.

4. Amos, son of Edmond, a Revolutionary veteran, captain of a company and known to have been in several engagements, and to have enlisted three times. He was contemporaneous with Col. Gideon Alloway Strange.

5. William, Bradford, Berry, and Elizabeth, whose births, and families are mentioned elsewhere, brings us down to the period of well established facts, after the war of the Revolution.

CHAPTER III.

DESCENDANT OF AMOS B. STRANGE.

As has been stated, Amos Strange was the son of Edmund Strange, and probably a half brother of William Henry Strange. He was born and raised in Virginia, and from that state entered the war of the Revolution, rising to the position of commanding a company having been Captain of Militia prior to the war. After the close of the war, he located in South Carolina, where others of the name, and most probably relatives were then living. Here he met and married Miss Francis Bayley, and to this union there were four children born, brief sketches of the sons will here be given, the daughter Elizabeth, in her maidenhood married a Thomas Nash, a young man of good connections, being related to the North Carolina Nashes who attained prominence in the affairs of that state in its early history. Diligent inquiry has been made to get a line of her descendants, so far without results. We are therefore compelled to content ourselves with the history of the three sons, which we give as best we can in few words.

XIX. AMOS BRADFORD STRANGE.

Amos Bradford Strange, the first son of Amos and Francis (Bayley) Strange, was born in South Carolina, November 1st, 1789, and was named Amos for his father, and Bradford for the College and Temperance town near which many of our progenitors came from, in England. He grew to manhood in Spartanburg District, meeting for social intercourse in the old Camp Ground and Religious Meeting house, founded largely by his father; and here he met and married Mary Ann Henderson a girl of German parentage. In about 1840 he with his wife and children moved to Georgia, where they lived a short time. Later locating in Alabama, near Sand Mountain, where he made his home till his death which occurred in 1875, at the ripe age of eighty-six. His wife died at the

age of seventy-four, and their bodies lay side by side in the family burial ground near their home. Also that of his mother, Francis (Bayley) who lived with Amos Bradford after the death of her husband. She lived to the age of 86 having been totally blind for ten years prior to her death. This couple had born to them twelve children as follows: 1st, James Henderson; 2d, John Canady; 3d, William Berry; 4th, Frances Jane; 5th, Nancy Caroline; 6th, Martha M., 7th Mary A., 8th, Henry, 9th, Edward J., 10th, M. C., 11th, Robt. E. Of these children the 1st and 2d nothing is known; the 5th and 8th died young, Martha M., married Dixon McClenden, and are reported to have had a son named Dixon, another called Zad, a daughter Mary who married and lived at Smallwood, Ind. Ter., and a son named Marion who is said to live at Mineral Springs, Texas. Mary A., married and raised two sons, her husband died and when last heard from she was living with one of her sons at Martling, Ala. Edward J., married and a family of three sons and one daughter are credited to them, Marshall C., one of the sons is a Bridge Contractor, James Marion is a Railroad Conductor and Bradford is in the Coal business and Lourana Married, all live in Northen, Ala. M. C., married Letha Orr and was living at Curleytown, Ala., when heard from, with a family of ten, the others will be given such further notice as the data furnished will enable.

XX. WILLIAM STRANGE.

William Strange, was the second son of Amos Strange. The place of his birth was in Spartanburg District, now Lawrence county, South Carolina, and near to where the present city of Spartanburg now stands. His father Amos Bradford, having married Francis Bayley and settled there, soon after the close of the Revolutionary war. A church, and cemetery, and Camp meeting grounds, had previous to the day of William Strange, been laid out, it became the nucleus of a settlement, and the father of William lies buried there, as related by William Berry Strange, who said he remembers the occasion well.

William Strange, was a large man, and physically as well as mentally, a strong specimen of the pioneers of this country.

Like all of his people, he was of a religious temperament, and transmitted to his descendants a deeply religious and patriotic spirit. The date of his birth was December 8th, 1791. At the age of twenty, on the 12th day of November, 1811, he and Mary L. Fowler were married, Mary being at the time only fourteen years of age, having been born on the 8th day of May, 1797. The mother of Mary, before her marriage was a Miss Maggie Murray, and after her marriage to Mr. Fowler he became addicted to the habit of drink to such an extent that life with him became unendurable, and she forsook him; and when Mary was quite young she was given to a man named Morton to raise. Morton was reported to have been a most exemplary man, and it was at his house, that William Strange, met and married Mary Fowler, and to this union eleven children were born, of which my father was the sixth.

Grandfather Wm. Strange remained in South Carolina till about 1838 or 1840, when he moved to Chattooga county, Ga., where about ten years afterward he died, and was buried near Brownstown, the date of his death being March 22d, 1848. He was an earnest member of the M. E. Church, and the church at Brownstown remained for many years as an evidence of his religious zeal. Grandmother survived him for many years, and after years of happiness with her children, as well as some severe trials she died at the home of her son William Newton Strange, at Rockmart, Ga., and her grave at the old cemetery near that town, is plainly marked and cared for by her grandson James Wilson Strange. Sketches of William Strange's children will be given further on.

XXI. LITTLE BERRY STRANGE.

The third son of Amos Strange, was named Little Berry, Little, was not because he was small, as he was a very large man, but for an old-time friend of the family named Little, and Berry because it had been in the family

as a name long before. We find the same name in the Stranges of South Eastern Ga., at about the same period.

Little Berry was born near Spartanburg, S. C., June 2d, 1807. On the 15th day of November 1827, he was married to Elizabeth Brice, of S. C. and ten children were born to the union. In 1841, he left South Carolina and emigrated to Georgia, settling near Brawnstown, where he lived till his death which occurred on the 27th day of May 1888.

His wife Elizabeth died in Oct 1852. Henry Harrison Strange's wife, who was a sister of Elizabeth, being homeless on account of the death of her husband, Little Berry married her, and two children were born to them, making twelve children in the two families. The children of Little Berry as they grew to manhood settled around him and near the church which he and his brother William had largely founded, and pursuing the callings most needed, there was a Strange for almost every occupation called for by the primitive times. There was a teacher, a preacher, a carpenter, a blacksmith, a millwright, a merchant, and several farmers. My brother, Rev. F. G. Strangs, and I, paid a visit to this extensive family in 1865, and personally learned much of what we know of them. Little Berry, though a plain farmer, had a keen sense of the value of an education and his children were all given an education in keeping with the times. The distinguishing characteristic of Little Berry, was his intense and enduring religious zeal, as manifested in the constant care for his church duties, he was connected with the Methodist church, the local management of which is through what they called a "Class Leader", and after his death, there was placed on his tomb the following words,

"A Faithful Class Leader for forty years."

Sketches of his children will be given further over-

CHAPTER IV.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM STRANGE.

It has been stated that William Strange the second son of Amos Strange, married Miss Mary Fowler, and that eleven children were the result of the union. The third of these children was named Penelope Morton; the date of her birth being November 2d, 1817, and the place near Spartanburg, South Carolina. Penelope was never a strong woman, and lived with her parents, and later with her brothers till the time of her death, which was when she was forty-eight years old. Her body was buried near Maryville, in Blunt county, Tennessee. The eighth child was William Berry; He was born November 9th, 1829, in South Carolina and when about ten years of age, came to Georgia with his parents, where he lived till the age of twenty-four, when in the prime of early manhood he succumbed to disease and the years of a promising young man were terminated; and his body laid to rest in Butts county, Georgia. The other nine children of William Strange, are noticed briefly in separate sketches, in the order of their birth. The sons and daughters of Amos Bradford, William and Little Berry Strange, are the sixth generation in the line of descent, beginning with Alexander Strange of Virginia, the names in this descending line, being Alexander, Henry, Edmond, Amos and William, and these names are repeated frequently down the line in some branch of the numerous descendants.

XXII. HENRY HARRISON STRANGE.

The oldest of my father's brothers, was born near Spartanburg, South Carolina, November 3rd, 1813, grew to manhood and married there to Miss Margaret Brice in 1838. He came to Chattooga county Georgia, in about 1849 where he lived till his death in 1852.

They had six children, as follows:

1. William Brice Strange, born July 6th, 1839, entered the Civil war in Capt. Blackwood's company from Georgia,

and was killed at the battle of Bakers Creek, near Vicksburg.

2. Margaret J. Strange, born October 5th, 1841, died March 18th, 1885.

3. Elizabeth C. (Strange) Cassidy, born June 12th, 1844, and died in Chattooga county, Ga., where she lived in 1902. She had two children, Benie, who married a man named Comer, and they now live at Summerville, Ga., and Atticus Strange, who also lives at Summerville.

4. The fourth was Francis E. (Strange) Baker, born April 20th, 1846, married a man named Baker, and raised six children. They are now living at Menlo, Ga., all the children with them, except one, who is at Wayside, Texas.

5 The next was John Berry Strange, born June 20th, 1848, died February 14th, 1859; and the last was David Andrew Strange, born November 6th, 1850, married to Miss Maggie Myrick at Menlo, Ga. They now live at Hiram, Texas, and are the possessors of seven children, whose names are Marvin Newman, Archibald Quillian, Paul Alexander, Howard Andrew, Mary Emilee, Roy Towers, and Mabel. The first named is at Terrill, Texas, the second, fourth and last named are dead, and the others are with their parents.

After the death of Henry Harrison Strange, his widow married Little Berry Strange, and raised a second family of two children, notice in sketch of Little Berry Strange.

XXIII. DAVID WILLIAM STRANGE.

Was born near Spartanburg, South Carolina, Nov. 3d, 1815. He was the second son of William Strange and the brother of my father. In about 1835 he married Miss Elizabeth Wood and four children were born to the union. Some time after uncle David located in Georgia, his wife, Elizabeth, died, and subsequently on a visit back to South Carolina, he married Miss Susan Couch and two more children were added to his family in consequence of this union. David Strange was a farmer, and owned a comfortable home and lived in ease with his happy family. His

children were: 1st, William, known as Capt. William, will give sketch further on; 2d, Robert, born August 4th, 1839, and died August 29th same year; 3d, Martha Jane, reviewed further on; 4th, James Dorsett, reviewed further on; 5th, Mary Elizabeth, born July 3d, 1861, married John H. Massey. They were living at Pond Springs, Ga., when last heard from, and had four children, as follows: Virgil A., born July 26th, 1885; Susan L., born April 26th, 1889; Earl, born March 10th, 1894 and Bessie M., born March 19th, 1890; and 6th, Della L., born February 16th, 1868, married to Chas. Wheeler, December 23d, 1886. They live at LaFayette, Ga., and have two children, twins, born October 17th, 1891. The twins were named Martin Luther, and Stillie Alma. The mother of the twins died in Walker county, Ga., on the 11th day of February, 1900.

The oldest son of David Strange, was a remarkable man in some respects, as was also his sister Martha Jane, and during the Civil war they were in many encounters with the armies and bushwhackers, and in one of these, in 1863, father was at uncle David's house for the night, when the house was besieged by cut throats with the view of capturing or killing Capt. William Strange, who was known to be in the community. More than one shooting bout took place during the night between Martha Jane and the outlaws, in which the outlaws were repulsed, and the morning hours given up to sleep. Father, in speaking of that night, said it was one of great fear and anxiety, and the sun was never more welcome than on the following morning. David died at a ripe old age, in 1869 in his home where the better part of his life had been spent, and a friend in Chatanooga said of him: "No better citizen, and father ever lived than David Williams Strange."

XXIV. JAMES WILSON STRANGE.

Was born in Spartanburg District, now Lawrence Co., South Carolina, January 17th, 1820, being the son of William Strange, and a brother of my father. At the age of twenty-four, after having located in Georgia, he was married to Miss Lottie C. Paden, of Georgia. Nine child-

ren were born to this union: Amanda M. (Strange) Bagby, born February 17th, 1847; Adeline J., died young; Missouri G. (Strange) Nicols; Delana H., died young; Laura J., died young; Emma D. (Strange) Howard; Mitchell P., born June 2d, 1857, died when a boy; Carrie M., born March 17, 1859, died young; and John D., who also died young.

James W., was a member and an officer in the Georgia State Militia during the war of the Rebellion, was an active member of the Masonic order, and a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. The larger part of his life he lived at Marietta, Ga., where he died at the age of sixty one years. Missouri Nichols, his daughter, married Augustus Nichols, and they have five children. Emma D. married John H. Howard, of Marietta, in 1882 and they have six children. One of her daughters, Alice Luella, is one of my most valued correspondents. Emma died in 1892. All of this family have been farmers, with occasional short spells at the saw mill business.

Their present address is Cartersville, Ga.

See sketch of Mrs. Amanda Bagby, Missouri Nichols, and Emma D. Howard, further over.

XXV. RACHAEL CECENIA DORSETT.

Mrs. Dorsett, a sister of my father, was born in Spartanburg District, South Carolina, Jan. 12, 1822, marrying in early womanhood, James Dorsett, of Chattooga county, Ga., and dying at the early age of thirty-seven. They have seven children, as follows:

1. Mary J. (Dorsett) McLinden. They had several children, Mary dying during the Civil war.

2. Wm. F. Dorsett went into the rebellion, later deserted and when last heard from was in Kentucky.

3. Nancy A. Dorsett, married, had four children, and died.

4. Eliza (Dorsett) Wilson, married Wilson, had five children and died several years ago.

5. James Dorsett, when last heard from was living at Albertville, Alabama.



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6. John Dorsett, left Alabama young, and not heard from.

7. George Dorsett, living at Springville, Ala., when last heard from, was married and had two children.

Those who knew her, say that Rachel Cecenia, was a woman of strong character and a loving disposition, and that James Dorsett was a much respected citizen. Their home during the latter part of their lives was in Northern Alabama.

XXVI. JOHN ANDERSON STRANGE.

John Anderson Strange, was the sixth in the family of my grand father, William Strange, who was living in South Carolina at the time of father's birth, which event was recorded on the 12th day of September, 1824. After several years with his parents in South Carolina he came with them to Georgia. Little opportunities were his in that primitive day to attend school and although father acquired an education sufficient to teach, and for the business of life, the most of it was dug out at home while toiling hard to acquire life's necessities.

Bradford Strange, and his sons lived just across the state line in Alabama, and while on a visit there, father engaged to work with Mr. John S. Wilson in a store, and as mother was visiting with her aunt, who was the wife of Mr. Wilson, father and Fidello Gresham were brought together, and acquaintanceship ripened into love, and in due course of time they became husband and wife, the marriage occurring August 5th, 1847, at the home of Mr. Wilson.

At the age of eighteen father united with the Presbyterian church at Walnut Grove in Chattooga county, Ga., and retained a membership in the Presbyterian church till the time of his death.

For a while father lived in Alabama, then moved to Georgia, and after some four years he moved to Tennessee, locating in a house of grand father Gresham. For a while he and grand father were partners in a store, and later they separated and father moved into Monroe county Tennessee, and later into Hamilton county, and from there to south



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Georgia, and later to north Georgia and to Illinois. These moves were mostly the result of the devastating exigencies of the civil war, in which we lost most of our chattel property.

By profession father was a carpenter, but during the civil war he was for a while a slave overseer and was also for a while a title officer for the Confederate government. Many exciting experiences are related while in this last business, which would make interesting reading if space would permit.

In 1871 father emigrated to Oregon, where he spent his last years. He took an active part in the church work, and was at all times interested in educational matters.

He was one of the trustees of the Wilbur Academy. During a part of his time in Wilbur, he was in charge of the railroad's freight and ware house business.

Eleven children were born to father and mother, nine of these will be briefly reviewed further on. Sophronia A., was born August 31st, 1857, and died of bronchial troubles, Aug. 5, 1861. Sarah E. was born Sept. 27th, 1866, and only lived a few weeks. Ada was buried at the Seceder church cemetery in Monroe county, Tennessee, and Sarah was buried near Burton's Ferry in Scriven county Georgia.

On the 17th day of March 1895 father died of dropsy complications, and was buried in the cemetery at Wilbur, Ore., besides mother's grave, where a suitable monument indicates their resting place.

Industrious in habits, loving toward his family, loyal to his country, and actuated by high moral courage, father enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him, and all his children revere his memory.

XXVII. WILLIAM NEWTON STRANGE.

The seventh child of my grandfather, was born in South Carolina, Sept. 7th, 1827. Came to Georgia, with his parents, where in 1852 he married Miss Sarah Kizziah Baughan. Twelve children were accredited to this couple, only four of whom lived to reach maturity. Uncle Wil-

ham was Colonel of Militia in the early days of the Civil War, on the Confederate side; and later was a first Lieut. in the Regulars. He served throughout the war and at its close entered the merchandizing business at Rockmart, Ga., where at the age of 73 he died. He was prominent as a citizen, in lodge and in the church. For many years he was the W. M. of the Masonic Lodge of his town, giving way in old age that his son Jas. W., might succeed him. His four boys will here be mentioned:

1. James Wilson, born in Georgia, January 4th, 1854, married to Marie Antoinette Ivy, to whom seven children were born. After her death in 1895 he again married, the second wife being Miss Sarah Campa Hawkins, and four children are the result of this union. He lives at Rockmart, Ga., where he has charge of the coal business and also farms. He is prominent in Masonic circles, and active in church work.

2. Oscar Alfonso, born Sept. 23th, 1859, married in 1884 to Miss Anna Lou Gilstrap, and they have two children. For awhile he was Chief of Police of Talapoosa, Ga., later assumed the management of a lumbering establishment at Seminary, Miss., where he still lives, he owns farms in both Georgia, and Mississippi, and is an enterprising citizen.

3. Charles Alexander, born August 2d, 1867, married in 1903 to Miss Ada Josephine Anderson. They have no children. For awhile he was in the lumber business, later engaging in farming, which he does on rather a large scale. His Post Office is Meridian, Miss.

4. Homer Newton, born June 7th, 1873, in 1898 he married Miss Lula E. Davis and they have two children. Miss Davis before her marriage was an instructress in the public schools and also gave lessons in music. Homer is engaged as foreman of a large lumbering establishment at Seminary, Miss.

For some years before her death our grandmother lived with this son, and on her death was buried near Rockmart, where her grave is indicated by a suitable marble slab.

XXVIII. SAMUEL LEWIS STRANGE.

Next to the youngest son of grandfather, William Strange, was born in Lawrence county, S. C., Jan. 15, 1833. Moved to Georgia, with his parents; at the age of 26 married Miss Hannah Miriam Morton, the daughter of John Morton and Mary (Wells) Morton. They lived in various places in Tennessee, Illinois, Colorado, and California, where he taught school, merchandized and served on police duty. He was in the civil war, on the Confederate side. He died in California, in 1902. Seven children were born to this union, as follows:

1. Mary Louisa (Strange) Blundell, born May 26th 1860, married J. W. Blundell in 1883, and died in California in 1908. They left one son, Vanus Wesley, now about twenty-two years old.

2. Martha Texanna (Strange) Garren, born in Tennessee, Sept. 15th, 1862, married to Jesse Miles Garren in 1884, they now live in La Veta, Colo., and have seven children.

3. John Strange, born Aug. 4th, 1864, was in Los Angeles when last heard from.

4. Sallie Wilson Strange, born April 21st, 1866, living with her brother John.

5. Eurshbie Alexander Strange, born Nov. 25th, 1867, married Miss Gussie Krueger and has three children, lives in La Veta, merchandizing.

6. Hettie Ann Elizabeth (Strange) Vanderborg, born June 26th, 1869, married Lewis W. Vanderborg and lives in Los Angeles, Calif. Two children.

7. Effie Adeline Strange, born Oct. 17th, 1874, was burned to death in the burning of their home in Colorado, in 1883. A sad affair, and the other members of the family were saved only by the extreme efforts of their father, who came near losing his own life in the struggle.

Samuel Lewis Strange, was an active Mason and Church-member and was buried with Masonic honors in Los Angeles, highly respected by all who knew him.



SAMUEL LEWIS STRANGE.

XXIX. FRANKLIN MADISON STRANGE.

Uncle Franklin was the youngest son of William Strange, and was born in South Carolina, March 16th, 1835. He came to Georgia with his parents, and when a young man went from there into Tennessee, where, on the 3d day of Dec. 1856, he married Miss Susan Gault, and for for several years they lived in Tennessee. After the death of grandfather Strange, owing to some mismanagement, Franklin's mother and his sister Penelope, were left without a home, and with some aid from my father, Franklin went to Chattooga county, Georgia, where they lived, and purchased a small home for them, and for several years supported them.

On the 26th day of Dec. 1870, Franklin Strange, left Tennessee, for Texas, where he resided till his death, which took place on the 5th day of April 1908, being the last one to be called of my father's brothers or sisters.

Susan, his wife bore four children, and becoming afflicted, was an invalid for about a year, and on the 8th day of September 1867, she died, and in March 1868 he was married to Miss Rosa Lane, who was alive when last heard from.

Uncle Franklin was an honorable, religious, and home-loving man, who lived for his family and his church and country.

I will give a list of his children, and note more at length those from whom I have sufficient data:

1. Joe Alexander, born Sept. 22d, 1858, died March 9th, 1885.
2. Tulula (Strange) Cannon, born July 21st, 1861. See sketch
3. Mary F. (Strange) Cox, born May 11th, 1862. See sketch.
4. Martha (Strange) Kelly, born July 5th, 1864. See sketch.
5. Susan (Strange) McCarroll, born Dec. 18th 1868. See sketch.
6. Sarah (Strange) Wilson, born Jan. 8th, 1870. See sketch.
7. Infant daughter, only lived short time.



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Uncle Franklin lived on a farm till a few years before his death, when he rented his farm and moved to Boonville, where he died as above stated. He was a Presbyterian in religious preferences, and though a plain man, was one of God's Noblemen.

XXX. MARY ELIZABETH BUICE.

Daughter of William Strange and aunt of the writer, was born in Laurence county, South Carolina, May 22d, 1838, being the youngest child of Grand father, Wm. Strange. She came with her parents from South Carolina, to Georgia, when quite young, where she grew to womanhood. At the age of 15 or 16 she stayed with my father's family for about six months; from our home, she went to Cartersville, to live with her brother William Newton, and where at the age of twenty two she married James Dewberry Buice, a tinner by trade.

They lived at various times at Cartersville, Marietta and Atlanta, Ga. Both are dead now. Seven children were born to this union; Florence Virginia (Buice) Mozeley, who married S. G. Mozeley in 1861, now lives in Marietta, and has a family of four children. Albert Forest Buice born in 1863, and died in 1883. Lillie Mabel (Buice) Jonard, born in 1866, married a man named Jonard, and now lives in Nashville, Tenn. Minnie Leona, born in 1868 and now lives with her sister Mrs. Mozeley in Marietta, Ga. Mamie Luella (Buice) Donaldson, born in 1874, married Donaldson, and they now live at Dublin, Ga. Louie Richard Buice, born in 1877 and died in 1898, and Alice Albertie Buice, born 1883 and now lives with her sister Mrs. Mozeley.

Mr. Mozeley is engaged in the marble business, having yards in both Marietta and Atlanta. They seem to be prosperous in business, maintain good social standing and I appreciate them as among my most valued correspondents.

CHAPTER V.

CHILDREN OF LITTLE BERRY STRANGE.

As before state, Little Berry Strange, was the father of twelve children, ten by Elizabeth Brice Strange, and two by Margaret Strange. Sufficient data is supplied me to briefly review five of these, the others were as follows, numbered in the order of their birth:

1. William W., married Isabel Parks, died in 1900 leaving six children.

5. Sarah A., married William A. Brice, died many years ago, leaving no children.

6. Thomas F., died from exposure in Camp Douglas during the Civil War.

8. Augustus E., married Elizabeth Barnett, lived at La Fayette, Ga., when last heard from and had five children.

9. Harriet W., married John Ragland, went to Texas and was reported to have several children.

11. Quillion, died in 1902, unmarried.

12. Lucinda R., d'ed June 1869. Never married.

XXXI. REV. LORENZO L. STRANGE.

Was born in Spartanburg Dist. S. C., Dec- 4th, 1830, being the second son of my father's uncle, Little Berry Strange. On the 9th day of Feb. 1861, he was united in matrimony to Miss Florence Wilson of Effingham county, Georgia. Like all of his father's family he was a devoted Christian man and in young manhood entered the Ministry in the Methodist church, pursuing this calling in North Georgia and Alabama and is reported to have been quite an able preacher.

He raised a family of six children, as here shown :

1. Lizzie (Strange) Graham, born Dec. 8th, 1861, married to Jerome E. Graham, and they are reported to have six children.

2. H. B. Strange, born Nov. 13th, 1863, married Gertrude Futrell. They are childless. He is a practicing attorney at Statesboro ,Ga. See sketch.

3. S. Ella (Strange) Cooper, born May 5th, 1865, married George M. Cooper in 1885, moved to Florida, where she died April 18th, 1886.

4. George P. Strange, born June 23d, 1869, married Elizabeth Nevills, June 23d, 1898. They live in Bulloch county, Ga. He is a practicing physician. They have three children.

5. B. L. Strange, born March 19th, 1872. When last heard from he had just completed a course in law and had been admitted to the bar, and was with his brother H. B., at Statesboro, Ga.

6. Susan (Strange) Rockley, born March 9th, 1875. Married a farmer named W. J. Rockley in 1895, they live in North, Ga., and have a family of four children.

The Rev. L. L. Strange died on his forty-fifth birthday after a brief life of pious helpfulness.

XXXII. AMOS ALEXANDER STRANGE.

Was born in Spartanburg District, South Carolina, March 8th, 1833, being the the third child of Little Berry Strange. His name was for his grandfather Amos, and his great, great, great, grandfather Alexander Strange, who lived in, or came from England to Virginia, in the seventeenth century.

In young manhood he married Miss Sarah Annie Knowles in Chattooga county, Ga., and a large family was raised by them. For fifteen or more years Amos Alexander taught school, and farmed. Later he did a sort of missionary work in the interest of the Sunday School cause, organizing the first S. S. ever held in Northern, Ga. He was an excellent singer, and in connection with his educational work taught music. He was an active member of the Methodist church. His wife died in 1897, and he died in or about 1909. I will give very brief accounts of his children.

1. Charles C., born Dec. 21st, 1858, married Dora Kellett, Dec. 14th, 1881. When last heard from was living at Lyerly, Ga., engaged in farming and had a family of three children.

2. M. Elizabeth (Strange) Carroll, born Sept. 23d, 1860, married M. J. Carroll, Dec. 4th, 1882. They live at Pittsburg, Texas, where they are farming and have four children. See sketch.

3. John A. born Dec. 8th, 1862, married to Miss Octava Rivers, July 8th, 1890. He is a merchant and farmer, and when last heard from was Sheriff of his county, with a residence at Summerville, Ga.

4. Dawson M., born April 12th, 1864, married Maggie Hill Sept. 2d, 1888, lives at Pittsburg, Texas; farms and has a large family.

5. W. T. F. born Sept. 6th, 1865. Married Pauline Crumley, Dec. 18th, 1889. They are farming at Lyerly, Ga., and have a family of five children.

6. Emma A. (Strange) Agnew, born April 22d, 1868, married George C. Agnew, Dec. 21st. He is in the cattle and ranch business at Lyerly, Ga., and are reported to have five children.

7. Tallula A. (Strange) Abbott, born April 22d, 1870, engaged in the millinery business at Rome, Ga., for many years, is a fine musician and choir leader, married to Melvin J. Abbott, June 26th 1906.

8. Rosa E. (Strange) Edwards, born April 2d, 1873, married March 4th, 1894 to Joseph F. Edwards. He is engaged in the iron and ore business at Galesville, Ala., they have five children.

9. Mary E. (Strange) Worsham, born April 6th, 1874, married Robert L. Worsham, Dec. 17th, 1893. He is a farmer at Kinkaid, Ga., and they are reported to have a family of five children.

10. G. L. Wesley Strange, born July 22d, 1878, married Kate Crumley Dec. 25th, 1898. Live at Summerville, Ga., and they have two children.

XXXIII. DAVID C. STRANGE.

Before his death I esteemed the Rev. David C. Strange of Kopperl, Texas, as one of my most valuable correspondents. He was the fifth son of my great uncle Little Berry Strange, was born in South Carolina, Feb.

26th, 1835, with his parents emigrated to Georgia, when a young man went to Alabama. There for many years pursued the business of carpentering in the firm of Hawthorth & Strange. Here, he was licensed to preach in the M. E. church in 1866. In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate army, serving through the war. On March 4th, 1858 he was married to Miss G. Bolanger, and had two children when he left them to enter the service. Some time after the war, he moved to Texas where he lived and continued to preach till old age compelled him to be superannuated from the ministry, and where he died just a year or two ago. His family I will describe briefly.

1. Edward, born in Alabama, Dec. 25th, 1858. He married Gertrude Davis and when last heard from was living at Pawnee, Okla.

2. Thomas, born in Alabama, Aug. 18th, 1861. He married Miss Lee Wilson and were living at Gaye, Okla, when last heard from. They were reported to have two children.

3. Elbert Norton, born in Alabama, April 23d, 1872. He married Miss Josie Walker, they live at Kopperl, Texas, and have three children; Ina, born March 7th, 1897. Birdie, born July 26th, 1899, and Porter Burnet, born May 31st, 1901.

4. Annie Aretta, born in Alabama, Oct. 22d, 1865. She married J. T. Glass, Dec. 24th, 1882, and they are said to have had twelve children, nine of whom were living when last heard from. They live near Glenn Rose, Texas, where he is a prosperous farmer.,

5. J. Birdie, born in Alabama, Nov. 23d, 1874. She married F. K. Bradstreet, in Feb. 1891, and they are said to have three children. They live near Clifton, Texas.

6. Minnie Lee, born in Texas, Oct. 12th, 1878. She married Samuel Hunt, Jan. 17th, 1897. Mr. Hunt is a machinist, and they live at Cisco, Texas, where they are the possessors of three children.

In the correspondence with David C., he gave me much information from memory, which has been of value in these compilations. Among others he said "When I was a young man, I had the good fortune to be thrown into the family of Lee Crook, a very old man of Alexandria, Va.

When a young man Crook, had been an intimate associate with Amos Strange, our great grandfather. He remembered when Amos Strange died in South Carolina, and was buried in the "Old Camp Ground Cemetery," near Spartanburg. He said Amos' father was Edmond Strange of Virginia, and that he had two brothers or more, and spoke of Henry Strange, but could not tell the relationship. He also gave the three brother tradition, and said that Amos Strange was a Methodist and held a relation of some kind, with the Wesleyan Society of London."

Among the earlier Stranges that Lee Crook knew, was William Henry. He lived in South Carolina, and went from there to Tennessee, and some time afterwards took a trip back to Virginia, going through South Carolina, the trip being made altogether on horse-back. (This William Henry was the fore-parent of the Cedar Hill and Robinson County Tennessee Stranges.)

This Reverend Correspondent closes his last letter to me with these words: "None of the Stranges of my family have been very wealthy, nor risen to places of eminence, nor have any of the Stranges, so far as I know, ever served a term, either long or short, for crime. They have ever been a family of law-abiding citizens."

XXXIV. MARGARET (STRANGE) GADDIS.

A daughter of Little Berry Strange, was born in Chattooga county, Ga., in 1841. In 1861, she was married to William H. Gaddis. For many years they have made their home at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, where they are engaged in Poultry and Truck raising. Their progeny is something remarkable. When I last heard from them they claimed twelve children and thirty one grand children.

1. W. L. Gaddis, Mt. Pleasant, married Lula Montz, ten children.

2. J. E. Gaddis, Fazenza, married Ada Adams, eight children.

3. Mary (Gaddis) Moody, married James Moody, four children, Foss, Okla.

4. Bessie (Gaddes) Blake, married Charles Blake, one child. Bessie, dead.

5. Rosa (Gaddes) Maloney, married John Maloney, Ewell, Texas; 8 children.

6. B. R. Gaddes, married Sarah Davis, two children, Fazenza, Texas.

7. M. D. (Gaddes) Sinclair, married Frank Sinclair, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

8. J. M. Gaddes, married Amy Montz, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

9. M. B. Gaddes, married Hattie Bunnett, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

10. M. C. Gaddes, and (11), Gussie, twins, M. C., Mt. Pleasant, Gussie, dead.

12. B. F. Gaddes, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

The first of these twelve was born, Feb. 19th, 1862, and the last one March 28th, 1887. Twelve children in 25 years, and yet cousin Margaret, my correspondent, thinks she has none to spare.

XXXV. JAMES BERRY STRANGE.

Son of Little Berry Strange, was born in Chattooga county, Ga., Dec., 11th, 1849. Married Prucey Powell, Jan. 9th, 1872 and they are said to have had born three boys and five girls, six of whom were reported alive when I last heard from them, as follows:

1. Julia E., married C. H. Cody, Blum, Hill County, Texas.

2. Rittle, married W. H. Addington, Addington, Ind., Ter.

3. Mary Alma, married John Edwards, Blum, Hill Co. Texas.

4. M. Eugene, lives at Kopperl, Texas.

5. William Bryan, lives at Kopperl, Texas.

6. Myrtle, with her mother, Marietta, Ind. Ter.

James Berry died in Ind. Ter., Jan. 17th, 1897. Cousin David Strange, in reporting him, said that he was a very highly respected man and citizen and that his wife Prucey, was an accomplished southern lady, of a family of good standing.

CHAPTER VI.

CHILDREN OF AMOS BRADFORD STRANGE.

In the brief account given of Amos Bradford Strange, it is shown that he had a family of twelve children, and sufficient data is furnished me to give very short sketches of three of them, which is here presented:

XXXVI. WILLIAM BERRY STRANGE.

The third son of Great uncle Bradford, was born in South Carolina, went from that state to Georgia and later to Alabama, where he lived till his death at a ripe old age, about 1907.

He was in the war of the Rebellion, on the Confederate side, in the 49th Alabama regiment, Volunteers. He was promoted to second lieutenant then to first lieutenant, and later to captain of his company, was taken prisoner and confined twenty-two months in Johnson's Island as a prisoner of war. On being exchanged he returned home, where he lived in comfort to old age. He was married three times, I will briefly name his children, omitting five that died young.

1. Malinda C. (Strange) George, daughter of his first wife, who was a Miss Percilla J. Herndon, married a man named George, died in 1894 leaving three children.

2. Francis Whitfield Strange, lives in DeKalb county, Alabama, and has a family of five children.

3. Dillard Virgil Strange, lives at Curleystown, Ala, is a widower, and has two daughters.

4. Samuel Lewis Strange, lived at Zink, DeKalb county, Alabama, and has five children.

5. Aletha A. (Strange) Briant, married W. J. Briant, and they lived at Dallas, Texas.

6. Lida R. (Strange) Lee, married C. Lee, and they live at Eastling, Texas. Percilla died, and some time afterward William Berry married Mary M. Purg. She lived for only six years after their marriage and left two children.

7. Fidello Jane, named after my mother, lived to the age of nine only.

8. Amos, was with his father and step-mother when last heard from.

After the death of Mary, William Berry again married Miss Caldonia Bean. She was a retired teacher 55 years of age at the time of her marriage, and so far as I know is still living at Martling, Alabama.

XXXVII. FRANCES (STRANGE) GIDEON.

The fourth child of great uncle Amos Bradford was Frances Jane, who in early womanhood was married to Mr. Gideon. Frances is described as a vivacious woman, of energy and ability. Her husband, left his home and three children to enter the Confederate service, and while engaged in the service, in the battle of the "Wilderness" was killed. The mother raised her three children as best she could, and after a life of toil, mingled with sunshine and shadow, she died in Alabama some years ago. Her children were: 1st, a daughter, name not given, married and lives at Taladego, Ala., and is the mother of five children; 2d, Hope H. Gideon, married and lives at Childersburg, Ala., and are the possessors of a family of eight children; 3d, Bayley Gideon, also lives at Childersburg, and has a wife and five children.

XXXVIII. ROBERT E. STRANGE.

The youngest child of great uncle Amos Bradford Strange now lives at Cash, Texas, and is reported to have a wife and a family of eight children. Robert E. was born near Spartanburg, Ala., and with his parents located in Georgia and subsequently in Alabama, later he moved to Texas, where he now lives. He married a Miss Margaret Thomason who was born and raised in Alabama, the date of her birth being March 3d, 1861. He says his father, Amos Bradford, was born October 17th, 1809, while our record shows that he was born November 1st, 1789. This discrepancy is reported for future examination. He says of his mother that

her name was Mary Ann Henderson, and that she was the daughter of a Mr. Henderson, who came to America from Germany when Mary Ann was only one year old, and that Mr. Henderson was killed in the war of 1812. Robert E. gives the following list of his children: 1st, William C., lives at Roanoke, Texas; Henry D., lives in Ft. Worth; Walter M. lives at Cash, Texas; Robert L. is located at Cash, Texas, as is James M. and Joshua L. The oldest girl married and left the family and her address is now unknown; the youngest daughter married a man named Simpson and they live in Dallas, Texas.

This cousin of my father is probably the only one of his generation now living belonging to the family of Amos Bradford Strange.

CHAPTER VII.

FAMILY OF JOHN A. STRANGE.

We here give brief sketches of the children of John Anderson Strange, together with their mother. This being the family to which the writer claims to be a part. Much might be said of each member from personal knowledge, but the limits of this volume preclude more than the usual biographical facts. A few of the older children of those here reviewed, will be given brief notice, in another chapter.

XXXIX. FIDELLO J. (GRESHAM) STRANGE.

Though not in accord with the plan of this book, to give those not of our name, I will here give a very brief sketch of my mother. No more loving, sweeter tempered, virtuous, nor high minded woman, ever entered the marriage relation, or mothered a family of children than did our dear mother. The daughter of Archibald and Mary (McReynolds) Gresham, and a descendent of the Greshams of London, who were members of the House of Lords, and



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were known the world over for their philanthropy as well as their great financial ability.

Fidello, was born in East Tennessee, Blunt county, November 5, 1826. She united with the Presbyterian church at Baker's Creek in her sixteenth year, retaining her membership in that church till her demise.

In her nineteenth year she went into North Alabama on a prolonged visit to her aunt, Mrs. John S. Wilson, and there she met, loved and married father, an act which she was always proud of. Her life was one of incessant toil and love for her husband, children and home. In her young girlhood she received a splendid common school education, and often helped father in his striving for a betterment of his knowledge, along educational lines. On the 19th day of April, 1894, she died, and was buried in the Wilbur cemetery at Wilbur, Oregon, where a beautiful shaft marks her's and father's grave. At her request she was buried in her wedding clothes, which she had always kept as a souvenir of her youthful happiness.

XL. REV. F. G. STRANGE.

The oldest son of John A. and Fidello (Grisham) Strange was born in Chattooga county, Ga., September 28th, 1848. At the age of nineteen he united with the Presbyterian church at Old Elm Point Bond county, Ill., and in the fall of 1869 he entered Blackburn University as a student and an applicant for the ministry.

On June 15th, 1871 he was married to Sarah Robinson, of Bond county, Ill., and she also attended the University as a student. "Ferd", as he was commonly called, graduated from Blackburn, and was admitted to the ministry in Alton Presbytery, and for a while was the pastor of the church at Carlyle, Ill. Two children were born to them: 1st, Pliny Robinson, born February 24th, 1873, noticed elsewhere, and 2d, Henry Anderson, born February 2d, 1876, now in the saw mill business in Washington.

Sarah died February 14th, 1876, in Carlyle, and was buried in Bond county. A Theological course was taken by F. G. in the Lane Theological Seminary at Cincinnati, after



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which he took charge of the church at King City, Mo. In 1877, November 7th, he was married to Noonie Vanderveet, of King City, Mo., a daughter of Capt. John S. Vanderveet, of the U. S. army. To this union six children have been born, as follows: 1st, Ferdinand A., born September 24th, 1878. He attended Park College and the University of Oregon, was married to Kathryn Kaufman in 1903, November 4th, and they have one son. He is now in the ranch business in Washington.

2. Fidello, born January 6th, 1880, and died February 10th, 1881.

3. John Vanderveet, born September 29th, 1882, educated in the Portland Academy, October 12th, 1900, he was married and is in business in Portland, Oregon.

4. Chalmers L. born October 31st, 1884, studied in the Ashland, Oregon high school and in the Southern Oregon Normal. Taught school, was principal of the Cottage Grove schools, and when last I heard from him, was in business at Ashland.

5. Earl Howell, born March 31st, 1886, studied in the Ashland high school and in the Portland business college, when last I heard from him, he was in Whitworth college at Tacoma.

6. Edith Ruth, was born August 9th, 1889, and is still with her parents. Attended high school in Ashland and Kent, and Whitworth college, and has taken a course in music in which she is quite an expert. Is now teaching music.

Other pastorages held by the reviewed, were: Hiawatha, Kansas; Seattle, Washington; Ashland, Oregon; Kent, Washington and Sedro-Wooley, Washington.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Whitworth college in 1904. He is now pastor of the church at Muskilteo, Washington.

XLI. ALEXANDER T. STRANGE.

As the writer is the compiler of this collection of sketches, a natural reticence would prevent any personal reference, only for the fact that to omit any person in our line of descent makes an unwarranted break.

John A. Strange, and Fidella (Grisham) Strange lived in Floyd county, Ga., on the 6th day of July, 1850, when I saw the light of day for the first time. I do not remember how the weather was on that day, but think I am safe in assuming that it was rather warm. I have heard my mother say that we lived in a hut on Uncle Wilson's place and father was at that time helping in the store of Uncle Wilson, at least a part of the time.

My youth was spent in meandering with my parents, working as they directed rather than as I chose and a very small portion of the time in the public schools, listening to the roar of the cannon and the patter of the minnie balls during a portion of the Civil war; associating with the negroes when other associations were scarce and the negroes elated at the war's results. I grew up with little more than a kindly father and a loving mother, in poverty, could give me.

I taught school for about fifteen years, farmed for two decades, merchandized a short time and filled several petty offices, all too numerous to mention.

In 1872, August 22d, Miss Jesse Copeland, the daughter of Samuel Copeland, of Illinois, honored me by becoming my wife and partner for life. She too had taught school for several years, and thought she was able to handle me, in which she has admirably succeeded.

During our life of toil and effort, we have found time to care for and rear as best we could the following family of scions:

1. Roy Alexas, born December 30th, 1873, died January 6th, 1874.
2. Infant daughter, born December 23d, 1875, died at once.
3. Algy Ferdinand, and 4th, Eury Boone, twins, born April 12th, 1878. They are noticed elsewhere.

A friend of mine recently said of me in a local publication: "As a farmer, Mr. Strange gave to the development of his land and the improvement of his farm, his energies from morning's light to evening's shadows, during cropping and harvest time; in winter, devoting his time to teaching school. In 1890 he organized the Hillsboro Farmer's Mutual Insurance company, and in 1894, the Pana

District Cyclone Insurance company, both of which he became the secretary, which position he still holds, and under his management these companies have grown to be very important local institutions.

In his political views Mr. Strange is Republican, in church he is Presbyterian, and as a citizen, he is sane and safe. He is an active member of the Masonic lodge, having been for twenty-nine years the Master of his lodge, He is also a Woodman.

He has served his township as clerk, has represented it on the county board. The Governors have from time to time appointed him to serve on the Farmer's National Congress from Illinois, and other industrial positions. He is the trustee of the Jordan Educational Trust Fund. At various times he has had editorial connection with Farmers and Industrial publications, and at the present time he is a member of the Advisory Board of the National Association of Mutual Insurance companies, and is frequently called on for his views on matters pertaining to national legislation.

Mr. Strange has a pleasant home in Hillsboro, Ill., where he is much esteemed by a large acquaintanceship.

XIII. JOHN WILLIAM STRANGE.

The third son of John A. Strange, was born in Blount county, Tennessee, Nov. 21, 1852. He received a common school education while with his parents, then took a course in the Umpqua Academy, and later studied dentistry, and practiced that as a profession, with good success, except when occasionally called into other lines. Some of the positions which he filled were : Superintendent of Schools of Douglas county, Oregon; Supervisor of Census of Eastern Oregon; 1890, Secretary Republican State Convention, state of Oregon in 1886; Clerk of the House of Representatives of the state of Oregon, 1880-1882. Chief Clerk of the Oregon State Senate, 1885-1887. He was a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian church, and was an active member in several lodges.

On the 28rd day of January, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Francis Cox of Roseburg, Oregon. Miss



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Cox was a dressmaker, a member of the Methodist church, and also held active membership in two or three lodges, and is a much loved sister to our whole family.

One son, William Dale, was born to them February 22d, 1881. Dale received a good education in the schools of Pendleton, Spokane, Pullman, and Roseburg. Then attended Albany College and Pacific University, and studied Civil Engineering. He worked as a journeyman printer much of the time till after his father's death, when he had charge of his father's printing house and paper for a while. But the plant was destroyed by fire, entailing some hardships on both he and his mother, as this was their chief source of support. Dale was married to Rose Roebuck October 24th, 1905, and when I last heard from him, he was in Portland, Oregon, and was foreman of a printing establishment.

XLIII. MARY ETTA STRANGE.

The oldest sister of the writer, was born in Clover Hill farm in Blunt county, Tennessee, April 19th, 1855, now lives with sister Eula in Portland, Oregon. She has never been strong, consequently has never married, and while not able for heavy work, was the support and constant comfort of father and mother during their years of decline and feebleness, thus earning the warmest gratitude of all her family and friends. Mary is well read, an earnest Christian and intensely loved by all who know her for her gentleness and cheerful disposition.

To this sketch I append the names of Sophronia Adelaide, and Sarah Elizabeth, two sisters, both of whom died when very young. Ada was buried at Cedar Hill, Tenn., and Sarah at Burton's Ferry, Georgia.

XLIV. ARCHIBALD WALTER STRANGE.

Waller, as he is commonly called, was born near Sweetwater, Tenn., October 13th, 1859. He was the sixth child of John A. and Fidello Strange. Walter received a good common school education, to which he has added much in the hard school of experience. He has lived and worked



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and filled various positions, such as Post Master, and other more or less important functions in Tacoma, Cosmopolis, Salem, Adna, and other western towns. At present he is living at Adna, Wash. On the 12th day of November, 1881, he was married to Miss Ella Reed in Douglas county, Oregon. To this union an interesting family of six children have been born, as follows: Ivan R., born August 1st, 1882. He married and is now living on a ranch near Tacoma, and is reported doing well. Theron L., born January 31st, 1884, he married and has one child, little Walter, he lives in Portland. Della F., born September 9th, 1886. Della was married to Judson Adams, March 15th, 1909, and they live at Mineral, Wash., where he is engaged in contracting. Minnie, born June 10th, 1893. In May, 1911, she was married to Charles Dupertius, of Adna. They now live in Portland. Vera, born March 30th, 1895, and Lois, born July 31st, 1903, these two are still with their parents.

The writer enjoyed a visit with Walter and family in 1909.

XLV. HENRY SIMPSON STRANGE

Was born in Mouroe county, Tenn., and was the seventh child of John A. Strange. The following sketch was published in an Oregon paper a day or two after his death: "Oregon City, Oregon, March 5th, 1899. Henry S. Strange, most Eminent High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, and School Superintendent of Clackamas county, Oregon, died at his home in this city at two o'clock today of cancerous complications and rheumatism. Henry S. Strange was born in East Tennessee, May 8th, 1861. When five years of age he moved with his parents to Illinois and four years later the family came to Oregon, and settled on a farm near Wilbur, in Douglas county. He attended the Wilbur Academy and afterwards finished a course in the Willamette University.

He took an active interest in educational matters, and early came to be recognized as one of the foremost educators of the state. He has been principal at various times of schools at Brownsville, Corvallis, La Grange, and Oregon City. June 27th, 1889, he was married to Miss Gertrude



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Davis, daughter of Capt. Davis, of Corvallis. Union county selected him as Superintendent of Schools in 1890, which position he resigned to accept the Superintendency of the Oregon City schools. From 1892 to 1896 he was Deputy County Clerk, under Post Master Horton. He then filled the position of Principalship of the Willamette Falls schools for two years. In 1898 he was elected Superintendent of Clackamas county schools.

Mr. Strange was a prominent figure in the Royal Arch Masons and at the time of his death was the Most Eminent High Priest of the order. He was also a Past Consul of the Woodman of the World, and a leading member of the Presbyterian church of this city. Dr. J. W. Strange, of Roseburg, and Rev. F. G. Strange, of Ashland, are his brothers."

After his death, his wife Gertrude was appointed to fill out his term of County Superintendent and later became an instructress in Art and Literature in the State Agricultural College at Corvallis. Later she has accepted the position of Professor of Domestic Science in the Oregon State Normal School, at Corvallis.

XLVI. MATTIE (STRANGE) FISHER,

Was born in Northern Georgia, Oct. 27th, 1866, being the third girl born to my father and mother. Her husband William Henry Fisher, was born of English parents, in Harrisville, Michigan, July 22d, 1859. They were married at Wilbur, Oregon, July 25th, 1889, my brother, Rev. F. G. Strange, officiating.

Mr. Fisher is a contractor, and in that capacity, has had contracts at various places in Idaho, and in British Columbia, where they have lived. They now live in Vancouver, B. C., and are British subjects. Mattie has taught school both before and after her marriage. Having no children, they have adopted a little girl, Lillian, who is a bright girl and interesting member of their family.

Mattie attended school in the Wilbur Academy at the Willamette University and at the Seattle High School. She is a member of the order of Foresters, and is an active member of the Presbyterian church. They have been fairly successful in their business affairs.

XLVII. EULA STRANGE.

The youngest sister of the writer, Eula, was born in Bond county, Illinois, April 3d, 1869. After moving to Oregon with her parents and attending common school, she took a course in Umpqua Academy, then began teaching at the age of fifteen, and has been in school work almost continuously since. Between teaching spells, she attended the State Normal at Drain, Oregon, where she prepared herself and earned a state certificate. She taught in the primary department of the Umpqua Academy, and in various country schools, and later entered the Mt. Tabor schools in the grades, gradually working herself up to the present time when she is the principal of the schools at a salary of one hundred and fifteen dollars per month. She has now been in those schools for ten years, and holds a life certificate.

Eula is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is also a member of the Women of Woodcraft. She has had many difficulties to contend with, and many burdens to bear, all of which she has met with Christian fortitude, in an uncomplaining spirit. Actuated in all her affairs with a high sense of her responsibility, she has shown in her public work that devotedness which at once makes her friends, and contributes to the happiness of all around her.

XLVIII. ARTHUR CALVIN STRANGE.

The youngest child of our family was born in Wilbur, Oregon, August 9th, 1873. Arthur was schooled in the Wilbur High School and in the Umpqua Academy. Began teaching early and taught first in the country schools of Douglas, and Clackamas counties, then was principal of the Orient School near Portland, and of the Mount Tabor school in Portland, advancing to the superintendency of the schools of Union from there to the Crook county high school as superintendent. Then he was called to the superintendency of the schools of The Dalles, where he is now.

In July, 1902, he was married to Miss Sarah Baird, of Island City, Oregon. She was born in Nebraska in 1879, August 16th, and received a good education in the high



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school of La Grange, and in the Blue Mound University. For several years she taught, before her marriage. She is also possessed of a fair musical education.

On September 18th, 1904, they had a daughter born to them named Francis Fidello, named after Will's wife and our mother. On the 21st day of June, 1909, a son was born to them, who they named Arthur Baird. Unfortunately this fine boy took sick and died on the 8th day of December, 1910.

With little aid, and possessed with a high aim, Arthur, has, with the help of his lovely wife, acquired a good education and has gradually rose in his profession as a teacher and we are informed that the character of his work at The Dalles will compare favorably with any other school in the state, and his reputation as a teacher is all that one could wish,

CHAPTER VIII.

GRAND CHILDREN OF JOHN A. STRANGE.

The grand children of John Anderson and Fidello Strange are becoming quite numerous, all of whom are mentioned in connection with their parents. In this chapter we give only a few brief sketches of those who have separated themselves from the parental homes and have furnished sufficient data to enable us to compile separate sketches of.

XIX. PLINY ROBINSON STRANGE.

Was the oldest son of Rev. F. G. Strange and the oldest grand son of my father, John A. Strange. From an Oregon paper, published a day or two after his death, I quote the following: "Died, on Tuesday, December 18th, 1906, at Medford, Oregon, of typhoid pneumonia, Pliny Robinson Strange, age 33 years, 9 months and 24 days. Deceased was born in Bond county, Ill., in 1873. He was educated in the Valley Falls high school of Kansas, and Park College



PLINY ROBINSON STRANGE.

and the State University of Missouri. He served in the 6th Missouri volunteers in the Cuban war as second lieutenant. Upon being mustered out, enlisted in the 4th U. S. Vols., and went to Manila, where he again rose to second lieutenant. At the close of the Spanish-American war, he went to Ashland, Oregon, where he entered the newspaper field, acting as foreman, reporter and editor. At the time of his death, he was the publisher and manager of the Medford Times. By his untiring labor and zeal he worked himself down, so that when disease laid its paralyzing hand upon him he was unable to withstand its direful effects. He was married to Miss Maud Thompson, by whom he was born two little children, who with his young wife, are left to face the struggles of the future, without the protecting care of a father.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows, and of the Red-men, who each did all that human hands could do to alleviate the suffering of the dying and assuage the grief of the heart broken wife and mother.

The silver cord has been loosed, the golden bowl has been broken, the body has been consigned to mother earth, and his spirit to God who gave it."

His children and their mother are in Portland, Oregon.

L. ALGY FERDINAND STRANGE.

Son of Alexander T. Strange, was born on his father's farm near Walshville, Ill., April 12th, 1878, being one of twin boys. He attended public school and worked on the farm till the age of seventeen, when he obtained a certificate and began teaching school, which he did for three years, entering Washington University as a dental student at the age of twenty, graduating from Marion Sims Dental College at twenty-three, and for two years following his graduation he was an instructor in the college, having charge of the classes in Operative Dentistry.

On September 1st, 1897, Algy was married to Lu May Hope, who at the time was in her eighteenth year. To this union there has come to bless their home, three child-



ALGY FERDINAND STRANGE.

ren. Russell Hope, born June 6th, 1899. Artrude, born May 25th, 1901, and Mildred, born February 4th, 1903.

Lula completed the common school course, taught school several terms, took and completed a correspondence course, and did, and still does, her household duties, as wife and mother, in a manner above criticism.

After leaving college Algy practiced dentistry a while in Springfield, then locating in Litchfield where he now enjoys a lucrative practice. He is a member of the Presbyterian church with his wife, also both are members of the A. O. of E. S. Algy being a Past Patron. Algy is also a Mason, being at this time filling a high position in the Royal Arch Chapter.

They have an elegant home in Litchfield, where they are at home to their many friends and associates.

LI. EURY BOONE STRANGE.

A twin brother of Algy F. Strange, was born on his father's farm in Montgomery county, Illinois, April 12th, 1878. After spending seventeen years with his parents, in public school and working on the farm he received a school certificate and began teaching school. At the age of twenty he entered Lincoln University, where he completed a normal course, and subsequently took a short course in Dixon college. He entered Marion Sims Dental college at the age of twenty-two and after completing his course, he was elected to the position of Demonstrator of Operative Dentistry, which position he filled for one year, afterwards for a while practicing his profession in Tower Hill, Ill. Later locating permanently in Hillsboro, Ill.

During the summer of 1907 Eury was married to Miss Floy Cannon, of Tower Hill, Ill. Floy is an accomplished young lady, being especially a fine pianist. They have one child, a boy, born in 1909, who they have named Reginald.

Eury is an active Mason, being Past W. M. of his lodge, and at present is the Patron of the Eastern Star chapter. He is active in the Presbyterian church and Sunday school, where he and Floy hold membership. They have built and



EURY BOONE STRANGE.

occupy an elegant home in Hillsboro, and are at the front in social, musical and educational matters of the city. Eury's practice as a dentist is entirely satisfactory.

CHAPTER IX.

DESCENDENTS OF LITTLE BERRY AND AMOS BRADFORD STRANGE.

Both Amos Bradford, and Little Berry Strange, had large families as shown in sketches of them, but we have little more of their lives than the date of their birth and occasionally a limited amount of other data. We will give short sketches of only three of them.

LII. WILLIAM A. STRANGE.

The father of William Amos Strange, was Amos Bradford Strange, being the third in line of descent to bear that name. He was born in Alabama, January 5th, 1845. When a young man he enlisted in the 49th Alabama volunteers, in the Confederate service, and was in the battle of Shilo and Baton Rouge, and in the siege of Port Hudson, prior to, or soon after enlisting, he was married to Miss Mary Lee, and during 1864 he got a leave of absence to pay his young wife a visit, and while at home or on his return, he was "bushwhacked" and killed. Subsequent to his death a posthumous son was born, who is the subject of this sketch. When William Amos was only eighteen months old, his mother died, so that the boy grew up entirely parentless. When a young man he went to Smith county, Texas, where he resides at this time. The date of his birth is given, January 4th, 1865, his locating in Texas was in 1893. On the 4th day of August, 1889, he was married to Miss Callie Wedgeworth, and three children have been the result of this union. Their records are as follows: Joseph C., born May 2d, 1890, Francis L., born May 19th, 1892, and Urah P., born January 8th, 1897. The oldest of these is engaged in business



WILLIAM AMOS STRANGE.



JOSEPH C. STRANGE.

away from home the other two are still in their parental home. Mrs. Strange died recently. By diligence and strict attention to his business William A. has acquired a competence, and made a reputation for himself second to none in his community. He has been deputy sheriff of his county, and is at the present time one of the commissioners of his county. One of the local papers recently said of him "Mr. Strange is one of the most intelligent and progressive farmers and trucksters in the county, and as a progressive citizen he is public spirited, and a most respected man in public and private life."

LIII. MARGARET E. (STRANGE) CARROLL.

Is the second child of Amos Alexander Strange, of Summerville, Ga. She was born Sept. 23d, 1860. On the 14th day of December, 1882 she was married to Myrick J. Carroll, of Walker county, Ga. They lived in Georgia till about 1902, when they moved to Texas and settled near Pittsburg, where Mr. Carroll engaged in farming. They are Methodists in religious connections, hold a membership in the Yoodmen and are reasonably successful people. Four children have come to grace their home.

1. Annie Elizabeth, born September 12th, 1883. She died April 4th, 1884.
2. Lillian Edna, born August 18th, 1886. was still with her parents when last heard from.
3. Willis Hamilton, born October 18th, 1888, with his parents.
4. Myrick B., born June 15th, 1891, with his parents.

LIV. HON. H. BASCUM STRANGE.

A son of Rev. Lorenzo Strange, born November 13th, 1863, married Gertrude Futrell, studied law and is practicing his profession at Statesboro, Ga. A friend of mine who knows H. B. says, he is a remarkable man.

That his practice as a criminal lawyer is quite extensive and his standing in the community the very best. He



HON. H. BASCUM STRANGE.

has filled the position of solicitor of his county court, and is at this writing a state senator in the legislature of his native state. He has successfully defended a vast number of persons charged with murder, among whom were some negroes. To do this, is greatly against public sentiment in his community, as it is throughout the south. But he has lived down this prejudice and enjoys a lucrative practice. He is a member of the Methodist church and active in church and Sunday school work.

CHAPTER X.

CHILDREN OF DAVID WILLIAMS STRANGE.

LV CAPT. WILLIAM STRANGE.

The oldest son of my uncle David, was born in S. C., Dec. 17th, 1836. In 1857 he was married to Nancy Boss, a daughter of Henry Boss of Walker county, Ga. They raised a large family of children. He entered the service of the Rebel Government and was a Captain and for awhile a spy for his Government. Many hair breadth escapes and trying incidents are told of his experiences during the civil war, which I cannot take space to relate. After the war was over he was for a time Sheriff of his county, and Mr. Roberts of Chatanooga, told me this incident. Immediately following the war, there was much lawlessness, and the officers had many vicious characters to handle, among them was a man whom they were after, and who said he would "surrender to no man." Cousin William came up with him on the highway one day, and the outlaw got behind a rail fence, and guns began to play, each watching the other and shooting with great caution, eventually each being out of ammunition at once was declared and they separated. Knowing that if William Strange ever got a chance at him, his life would be forfeited the outlaw went to the home of the Sheriff and surrendered to his wife, Nancy, saying that no man should arrest him, but he would voluntarily surrender

to a woman, rather than take the chance of being shot by the marksmanship of the Sheriff.

The children of Cousin William were:

1. Henry Lucian, born Dec. 5th, 1858, died at eighteen.
 2. William Johnson, born Sept. 29th, 1860, was living at Chelsea, Ind. Ter., when last heard from. See review.
 3. Lula A. (Strange) Carlack, born Mar. 16th, 1862, married to Carlack, lived at Ringold, Ga., and had three children.
 4. John H. Morgan, born May 9th 1864, died in infancy
 5. Gordan Lee, born Dec. 19th, 1866. When last heard from he was in Alaska.
 6. Stella J. (Strange) Henry, born May 7th 1869, married to Henry, lived at Chelsea, Ind. Ter. Four children.
 7. Florence O. born Oct. 11th, 1871. Died in early life.
 8. Cicero J. born Feb. 8th 1874. He is said to be married and to live at Chelsea, Ind. Ter. Four children.
 9. Julia E. born June 3d, 1877. Died young.
 10. Charles Edgar, born Sept. 1st, 1879. When last heard from he was living at Chelsea, and was not married.
- Capt. Strange, was a brave, honorable, and respected citizen. He died May 28th 1901. His wife died Aug. 17th, 1888.

LVI MARTHA J. (STRANGE) PARK

The daughter of uncle David Strange, of Walker county, Ga., was born Feb. 9th 1841. After the exciting events of the Civil War, in which she took no little part, in the interest of her spy brother, she married Dr. A. T. Park, the marriage taking place at their home Nov. 11th 1866. Dr. Park and wife settled at Campton, Ga., where they raised a family, where the Doctor enjoys a lucrative practice, and where cousin Martha died April 30th, 1886. Their six children were:

1. William Oscar, born Aug. 26th, 1867. Died Aug. 12th 1890.
2. Lillian (Park) Patterson, born Aug. 12th, 1871. Married to James Patterson, Nov. 2d. 1899. They are said to live in Chatanooga.

3. Mary E. (Park) Gunter, born May 6th 1874, married Dr. William Gunter, Dec. 25th 1897. Dr. Gunter has since then died.

4. Hugh Alonzo Park, born May 9th 1878. Married to Eva Treadwell, Jan. 9th, 1898. They live at Compton, Ga.

Susan D. (Park) Darby, born Mar. 24th. 1881. On April 23d, 1902, she was married to J. Emery Darby, and they live at Monroe, Ga.

6. Albert Earle Park, born Aug. 11th, 1884. Single and with his father.

LVII JAMES DORSETT STRANGE.

James Dorsett Strange, the fourth child of David W. Strange, was born July 8th, 1843. He lives at or near Rock Springs, Ga. He is a farmer by profession, an active Mason and an all round good citizen. My brother Ferd, visited him in 1910, and says he is a social and companionable man, and that he enjoyed the visit very much.

His wife was a Miss Amanda J. Morgan, to whom he was married in 1871. They have an extensive family as follows:

1. Robert Melvin, born Jan. 11th, 1872.

2. Oler F. (Strange) Miller, born Mar. 1st, 1873. Married to John Miller, in 1891. They live at Rock Springs, and have children as follows: Clinton Alfred, born June 1st 1893; Rubie Pearl, born Oct. 18th, 1894, also Endie May, twins of above; Effie Lee, born Mar. 31st 1896; and Nellie Ruth, born Oct. 4th 1891.

3. Elbert, born Nov. 22d 1874. Died in 1875.

Emma O. born Nov. 30th, 1875. In 1897 she was married to B. F. Littman and they live at Cenehat, Ga. Two children, Herman, born Aug. 28th 1898, and Leo Clyde, born Sept. 10th 1900.

5. Martha E. born Jan. 20th 1878. Now with her parents.

Ella L. born Sept. 10th 1879. Died in 1880.

7. Glenn, born Sept. 11th 1881. Now at home.



JAS. DORSETT STRANGE.

8. Ada C. born July 26th 1884. At home.

9. Cecelia F. born Jan. 17th 1886. Married to Scruggs Long in Jan. 1903. They have one son Robert. Their home is at Cenchat. James Dorsett is comfortably fixed.

LVIII. WILLIAM JOHNSON STRANGE.

William Johnson, is the second son of Capt. William Strange and first saw the light of day on the 29th day of Sept. 1860. After some years of meandering he located at Chelsea, Ind. Ter. In 1887 he married Miss Mary Raymond the daughter of a merchant of Vinita, Ind. Ter. Mary is one eighth Indian blood, and is said to be both good looking and an interesting lady. She is a graduate of Worcester College, and also a graduate in Music from the Rolla Mo., Conservatory of Music. She has taught music and is very active in church work. When last heard from William Johnson was the manager of a large grain elevator in Chelsea. He is a 32d degree Mason, and is the Supt. of the M. E. S. S. of his town. They had no children.

LIX. MRS. LULA A. (STRANGE) CARLACK.

The oldest daughter of Captain William Strange, Lula A. was born March 16th 1862, in Walker county, Ga.. On the 15th day of Jan. 1882, she was united in marriage with James Carlack of Catoosa county, Ga. After their marriage they located near Ringgold, Ga., where he is engaged in farming. On the 23rd day of Dec, 1882 they had a son born who they named Luther H. This son was married Jan. 1st 1905 to Miss Emma McDaniel, and they have a son named Lestol. Address Ringgold. Another child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carlack on the 19th day of Nov. 1892, named Nellie R. and on the 21st day of Aug. 1899 they had twins born to them, these were named Lula M. and Lois V. The last named died April 17th 1903. The other two girls still live with their parents. Mrs. Carlack was born just when her father was entering on a career of over two years of service in the army, as a spy and special government officer, which was

full of hair breadth escapes and courageous escapades. She writes interesting family letters. Address Ringgold, Ga.

CHAPTER XI.

CHILDREN OF JAMES WILSON STRANGE.

To James Wilson, and Lettie (Paden) Strange were born several children, as shown in sketch of James Wilson; of these we have data for three brief sketches.

LX. EMMA D. (STRANGE) HOWARD.

Emma was born July 3d 1855. In 1882 she was married to John H. Howard of Marietta, Ga. When last heard from they were living near Cartersville, Ga., where Mr. Howard was engaged in farming. Six children were born to this couple, two of whom were dead, the other four were still with their parents, as follows:

Alice Luella, born March 26th 1883; Wilson N. born Dec. 1st 1884; Ben E. born Feb. 27th 1889; and John H. born Sept. 21st 1892; Emma D. (Strange) Howard, died in 1896. The oldest daughter Alice Luella, who gave me this information, is an interesting correspondent, a High school graduate, and a girl of fine social qualities as shown in her letters.

LXI. MISSOURI G. (STRANGE) NICHOLS.

Another daughter of James Wilson Strange, was born May 9th 1849, and at the age of thirty three she was married to Augustus Nichol of Fairfield, S. C. When last heard from they were living at Acworth, Ga., where Mr. Nichols operated a saw mill and ginery, and where they had their five children still with them, as follows: Sarah K. born April 9th 1883; Maggie, born Jan. 17th 1885; Osborn, born Jan. 9th 1887; Lillian V., born Feb. 3d 1889 and Jesse L. born Dec. 15th 1890. My correspondent says of them: "Mr. Nichols is an enterprising man, Missouri an elegant wife, and the children the kind that make home happy."

LXII AMANDA (STRANGE) BAGBY, CARTERSVILLE, GA.

Amanda, the daughter of our uncle James Wilson Strange, was born in Gordon county, Ga., Feb. 17th 1847. Her father was a tinner, and Mr. Chas. L. Bagby, who she married in Greenboro, Ga., on the 9th day of Feb. 1865, worked for her father. Bagby was born in 1842, and enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861, and served through the war, marrying Amanda after he was dismissed from the Confederate Service.

They have lived in Warren and Hancock counties, Ga., and in Cartersville, where they were living when last I heard from them.

They have had eight children, brief mention, together with their offspring will be given.

1. W. H. Bagby, born in Cartersville, Feb. 17th 1867. Married Minnie Rocker, and they have four children, James C.; Eddie L.; William R.; and T. Cleon.

2. Charles H. Bagby, born in Cartersville, and died young.

3. Walter Gordon Bagby, born in Greenboro, Oct. 16th 1869, and died in 1870.

4. John E. Bagby, born in Greensboro, Dec. 13th 1870. Married Loretta Rocker. They have four children, Lillian G.; Ola May.; Halcomb, and Helen E.

5. Rosa, (Bagby) Taylor, born in Greensboro, June 18th 1872, married J. T. Taylor. They live in Tallapoosa county, Ga., and are the possessors of nine children, Annie E., John H., Mattie D., Charlotte C., Barry L., James L., Curtis Marshall E., Allie.

6. Carrie (Bagby) Gregory, born in Greensboro, Ga., March 29th 1874. On the 3rd day of Dec 1893 she married G. R. Gregory. They lived in Birmingham, Ala., where Mr. Gregory died, leaving three children with the mother, Lulu F., Hiram T., Clara B. Carrie was afterwards married to Henry Thomas, a farmer near Birmingham, and they have one son.

7. Emma (Bagby) Ross, born Mar. 20th 1877. On Dec. 24th 1899 she was married to J. A. Ross of De Kalb county, Ga., where they now live, with their three children, Pearl, Grady and Roy.

8. Missouri (Bagby) Allen, born Jan. 11th 1882. On the 20th day of Feb. 1901, she was united in matrimony to R. W. Allen of Augusta, Ga.. Allen was a molder by trade, and when last heard from was living in Jackson, Tenn., and they had one child living and one dead.

Clara E., and Edgar R., the first one living.

CHAPTER XII.

CHILDREN OF FRANKLIN MADISON STRANGE

LXIII TULULA (STRANGE) CANNON, GIBTOWN, TEX.

The daughter of my uncle Franklin Strange, was born July 21st 1861, in Tennessee, and at the age of nine years went to Texas with her father. On the 18th day of May 1876, she was married to W. P. Cannon of that state. They are farmers, Presbyterian in religion, and members of the W. O. W. Their children are:

1. Thomas Madison, born Aug. 30th 1877; married to Fannie C. Anderson, Sept. 12th 1897. Live at Sabrue, Tex.
2. Charles, born Sept. 30th 1880. Married Mar 1st 1893, to Belle Hagsdale. Live at Sebrue.
3. Trusten Lee, born Aug. 15th 1888. At home.
4. William Arthur, born July 20th 1886. At home.
5. Josephine, born April 10th 1889, still with parents.
6. Robert M. born Feb. 9th 1895. Still with parents.
7. Edgar E. born July 25th 1898. At home.

LXIV MARY FLORENCE (STRANGE) COX, GIBTOWN, TEX.

Daughter of my uncle Franklin, was born in Tennessee May 11th 1862, in Blunt county. Has lived in Texas since 1870, and is married to a farmer, John D. Cox. They live at Gibtown, and seem to be doing well, their children are:

1. Joseph E. born May 8th 1885.
- 2 and 3. James F. and Lula F. twins, born Aug. 31st 1890.
4. and 5. John B. and Bertha F. twins, born July 7th 1895.

All these children were still at home when last I heard from them.

LXV MARTHA (STRANGE) KELLY, GIBTOWN, TEX.

Was born in Blunt county, Tenn., July 5th 1864, was the daughter of uncle Franklin Strange. She was only six years of age, when her father came to Texas, where she still lives. On the 1st day of Jan 1880 she was given in matrimony to J. M. Kelly. For a family, when last heard from, they claimed the following:

1. Thomas F. born Oct. 28th 1880.
2. Cora E. born Oct. 19th 1882, married to William Cox Oct. 24th 1900. Home Gibtown.
3. Joseph W. born Jan. 22d 1886.
4. Wallis, born Mar. 10th 1888.

LXVI Susan (Strange) McCarroll, Gibtown, Tex.

The daughter of uncle Franklin, was born in Tennessee Sept. 18th 1868, and was only two years of age when her father came to Texas, and this has ever since been her home. On the 4th day of Feb. 1886, she cast her lot with M. B. McCarroll, and they make Gibtown their home. They are active members in the Baptist church, and report says are very good people. Their children were when heard from:

1. Samuel A. born Jan. 6th 1887.
2. Mollie, born April 14th 1888.
3. Lula, born Aug. 16th 1889.
4. Charles A. born Oct. 11th 1893.
5. Lee L. born Feb. 28th 1899. They were all at home still when last heard from them.

LXVII SARAH (STRANGE) WILSON, BRIDGEPORT, TEX.

Daughter of uncle Franklin Strange, was born in Tennessee, Jan. 8th 1870 and was quite a young babe when her father emigrated to Texas. On the 16th day of Dec. 1886 she was married to D. M. Wilson. He is merchandizing at Bridgeport, Tex., and President of the First National Bank. They are members of the church, and he is both a Mason and a member of the W- O. W. Their family when last I heard, consisted of two living children, one having died, as follows:

1. James M. born Dec. 21st 1867.
2. Geneva, born July 31st 1883.
3. William Carl, born Nov. 7th 1881. Died Aug. 22d 1895.

CHAPTER XIII.

THE INDIANA STRANGES.

The following sketches of Stranges who live in Indiana, are by no means complete, but include those that I have been able to get sufficient data from to build sketches of.

LXVIII STEPHEN STRANGE, SR.

There lives in Marion, Ind., a very intelligent family of Stranges, who are the descendants of Stephen Strange, Sr., who according to their tradition settled in Va., near the Culpepper Court House about 1750. While I doubt his English birth, the fact of his living in Va., at about that time, is not doubted. They also have the three brother tradition; that three brothers came from England, one starved to death in the wilds of Va., one went into the Carolinas, and the other is the Stephen here reviewed.

Stephen, Sr., had at least one son also named Stephen, born about 1763, married Anne Crook in Ky., in 1790. She was a sister of Lee Crook, who in his old age gave my father's cousin, David C. Strange, much information pertaining to our great grand father Amos, who he knew and talked with frequently, and according to his statements there is no doubt as to the relationship between the families being that of close kinship, though I have been unable to show just what it was.

Stephen Strange, had a large family of at least ten children. Their names were Margaret, William, Absalom, Hezekiah, Polly, John, Edward, Sallie, Elizabeth and Thomas. I will only review the first four;

1. Margaret (Strange) Hartwick, born Oct. 11th 1791, married Wesley Hartwick, who was a descendant of Lord Hartwick, a member of the English House of Commons.

and Chief Justice of the King's Bench. His full name was Philip Yorke Harwick. The children of Margaret Harwick are scattered over Indiana and Illinois.

2. William Strange, born May 1st 1793, in Mt. Sterling, Ky. Married Hannah Keisler and raised a family, and died in Highland, Ohio.

3. Hezekiah, born Nov. 13, 1831 in Mt. Sterling, Ky. Married Nancy Cook, and they had eight children. He lived in Clinton county, Ind., where he died January 17th, 1883. I will review this family further on. (See Terry Strange.)

4. Absalom Strange, born April 18th, 1797, in Mt. Sterling, Ky. Married Polly Treadway, and they moved to Highland, Ohio, where they raised a family of six children, and where he died. I have only the name of one son, George who was born in 1819, being the oldest. He married Lydia Dihnuel, moved to Indiana, where he raised a family of five, two of whom, John T. and Joshua, I will review briefly further on. George died a year or two ago, being about 90 years of age. He was with his son, John T., at the time of his death, at Marion, Indiana.

LXIX. JOSHUA STRANGE.

Joshua Strange is a son of George Strange, formerly of Ohio, and is a brother of John T. Strange. Both live in Marion, Indiana. Joshua is a farmer on a large scale, and is recognized as one of the foremost agriculturists in the country. He was born in 1844 in Indiana. He married Miss Eunice Bernard. They have lost one child and have two living, namely, William T., born in 1867 and lives at Marion, and Dr. L., born in 1872, living at Marion, where he is engaged in the practice of dentistry. The original location of the Stranges of whom there are descended was at Culpepper, Va., which is about 75 miles from the Peters Parish church, at what is now known as New Kent, where my own ancestors came from. The North Carolina Stranges were originally at what is now Manchester, only about twenty miles from New Kent. Their close proximity strengthens the contention that we are of common parentage. Joshua Strange has been honored by the governor of



JOSHUA STRANGE.

his state for many years by appointing him as the state representative to the National Farmers' Congress and during the last two or more years he has served that prominent body as its president, which position he has filled with marked ability. He is also active in the Farmers' Institute work, and is the president of the Indiana State Congress of Agriculturists. To Mr. Strange, more than any other, belongs the credit of securing the present law from Congress providing for the manufacture and use of wood alcohol for such mechanical purposes as would benefit farmers, as well as the arts and mechanics.

I have met Mr. Strange at several meetings of the Farmers' National Congress and found both he and his wife very companionable and pleasant to associate with.

LXX. HON. JOHN T. STRANGE.

The senior member of the law firm of Strange & Charles is the son of George Strange, who was born in Highland, Ohio, where his parents had gone from Kentucky. His grandfather was Absalom Strange, who lived in Kentucky, and his great grandfather was Stephen Strange, who was born in Virginia and moved to Kentucky in an early day. The father of Stephen was Stephen Sr., who, report says, came from England to Virginia.

John T. claims relationship with the forefathers of the Charlotteville, N. C. Stranges, although they say their ancestor died in Glasgow, Scotland. The forefather of John T. lived near the Culpepper Court House in Virginia, while the tradition is that Robert, the forefather of Samuel Hymen died in Glasgow. John T. Strange's forefather was Stephen, born about 1725, and the forefather of Samuel Hymen was Robert, born in 1745. That these families are related, I think is reasonably certain, but to harmonize these statements is the problem; both statements may however be true as Robert could have been a brother of Stephen, and might have located in North Carolina, and in his latter days went to Glasgow, from which city many of our early progenitors came, others lived, and died there. Another claim made by John T. is that a brother of Stephen went to Rhode Island



HON. JOHN T. STRANGE.

and was one of the forefathers of the Eastern Stranges; this is at variance with the claims of the Eastern Stranges and from extensive investigation I admit that the statement of John T. seems to me very reasonable.

John T., though a busy man with his extensive legal business, has taken time to look up family history to some extent. From him I secured the loan of the Memoirs of Sir Robert Strange, the eminent London artist and for which I owe a debt of gratitude. John T. is married, but if he has children he has not reported them.

LXXI JOHN L. STRANGE, GREENFIELD, OHIO.

John L. Strange is the owner and publisher of the Greenfield Journal. His wife was associated with him in the newspaper business till 1910, when she died. A correspondent said of her after her death: "Together Mrs. Strange and her husband have edited and published the Greenfield Journal and her able work and writings with a broad, charitable and high-minded personality has gained for her the love, respect and esteem of the entire community."

The father of John L. was Stephen Strange, a brother of George Strange, who died in Marion, Ind., recently. John T. and Joshua Strange of Marion are his cousins.

He says of his father's family, that he had a sister named Elizabeth, who married Joseph Reece, and went to Lebanon, Indiana, where her children are supposed to live now.

His grandfather was Absolem Strange, and in speaking of his generation, he says: "Absolem had a brother, Elmwood, who located in Minnesota, and he presumes his descendants are there now, and that Seth, another brother, went to Danville, Indiana.

The family to which John L. belongs is a numerous one, more extensive notice is given them in the next sketch.

LXII HENRY STRANGE, FRANKFORT, IND.

This interesting correspondent is a relative of John T. and Joshua Strange, of Marion, as they are all descended from Stephen Strange, but the Marion family do not seem

to know what the relationship is. This family is especially intersting to me for several reasons; in the first place, their ancestry came from Virginia, where we all came from; in the second place, the traditions of this family are the same as have been handed down by my people and others who do not know that even these traditions are the strongest evidence of early relationship. They have the "Three Brother" tradition, the "Lost in the Wilderness" tradition, and others. Then they are interesting for the reason that they are descended from Anne Crook, who was the wife of Stephen Strange, and whose brother, Lee Crook, of Alexandria, Pa., when quite an old man, gave David C. Strange some of the most valuable items of information pertaining to our early ancestors. This of itself, to me, is proof of our ancient family connections.

Henry was born in 1843, October 8th, and married Jane Hartwick, to whose family I devoted some space in the review of Stephen Strange. Henry's father and wife, Hezekiah, and Nancy (Cook) Strange, seemed to have been opposed to race suicide, as is shown by the following long list of children:

1. Stephen, born March 22, 1827, married Leodicea Bynum, eight children.

2. William, born August 17, 1833; married Roxanna Knickerbocker, seven children; member Indiana Legislature.

3. Jesse, born August 17, 1833, a druggist, four children, twice married.

4. Seth, born April 8, 1836, married Emeline Cook, no children.

5. Ellen (Strange) Cook, born May 9, 1838, married F. M. Cook, 10 children.

6. James, born January 7, 1841, died young.

7. Henry, and 8, Dicey E. (Strange) Cook, who has two children.

Henry himself seems to have inherited prolific tendencies as he boasts of the following family:

1. Francis A., born February 20, 1866. Married Mary J. Doty.

2. Frederick W., born April 3, 1867; married Anna E. Roberts.

3. Charles L. born December 18, 1868; dead.
4. Jesse O., born March 17, 1870; dead.
5. Mary L. (Strange) Brodea, married Wm. A. Brodea.
6. Lillie Almeda, born March 8, 1874; dead.
7. William Walter, born October 6, 1878; married Bessie Louden.

LXXIII REV. JOHN STRANGE.

"In Early Methodism in Indiana" published by the Rev. J. C. Smith in 1879, several chapters are devoted to this Godly man; I can only quote a few paragraphs:

"The Rev. John Strange was born in Virginia on the 15th day of November, 1789. He emigrated, with his father's family, to Ohio when young. In 1811, in his twenty-second year, he was received into the Ohio conference, Methodist, as a minister.

"He emigrated to Indiana in 1824, being placed in charge of itinerant work in the southeastern part of the state.

"His father was also a minister, and on one occasion, while seeking out the lost sheep in the wilds of the Virginia forests he was lost. By what means he lost his life, whether by the hands of savages, by wild beasts or from starvation, will never be known.

"John Strange came upon us in Indiana like a bright flash. His first sermon was new era in pulpit oratory.

"A man in neat and plain attire, tall, straight and remarkably graceful in person and manner, yet exceedingly kind in expression. All eyes were turned upon him when he began to speak; the hush and silence could not have been more complete.

"You may call this fanaticism, spiritualism or magnetism or what you may, the effect was the mastery of mind over mind.

"The minister was not only enthused himself with his subject, he was apotheosized; and others of similar faith and condition must, on the principles of Psychology, partake of his transfiguration.

"Though fifty years have passed away, the drapery, the sarcasm and the magical effect of his glowing language of that first sermon have not faded from my memory.

"The flash of his eye, the intonation of his voice, unequalled in melody and power, his fine dramatic action, his winning smiles and reverend form can never be forgotten.

He was not a classical scholar, though his language and conversation and style of oratory were of the most classical order. I have rarely heard any man who could command richer, chaster language, or in more copious degree, often rising to sublimity and overwhelming his audiences.

"In speaking on one occasion of his lack of college training, he said: 'My alma mater was brush college, more excellent, though less pretentious than Yale, Harvard or Princeton; here I graduated, and I love her memory still. Her academic groves are boundless forests, and prairies of the western wilds; her pierian springs are the gushing fountains from rocks and mountain fastnesses; her Arcadian groves and orphic songs are the wild woods and birds of every color; relieved, as they are now and then, with the hoot owl, and the wierd treble of the Whip-poor-will. Her curriculum is the philosophy of nature and the mystery of redemption; her library is the Word of God; the discipline and hymn book supplemented with the trees and stones and brooks, all of which are full of wisdom and sermons and speeches; and her parchments of literary honors are the horse and saddle bags.'

After several years of hard work and much privation, his friends saw that pulmonary troubles were fast fastening on his vital powers, and his days were rapidly drawing to a close. To show their appreciation for his services, they began the erection of a church at Columbus, Ind., being by the old Shiloh church. The disease was fast gaining on his vitals and he became too weak to preach but rarely, yet the work went on to completion, and when complete a committee waited on him to present the church to him. He thanked the committee with tears of gratitude and concluded his short speech with these words: "My house is not made with hands, and is eternal, in the Heavens." So lived and died John Strange, on the 3rd day of December, 1832.

LXXIII—A JAMES STRANGE, INDIANA.

James William Strange, of Lebanon Junction, Ky., a grand son of the above gives me the following brief sketch of his family relationship, just as I go to press with these sketches.

James Strange was born and lived most of his life near Loogootee, Ind. and doubtless he was related to the other Strange families of that state and of Kentucky. He married a Miss Rose Ellen Ash, and raised two children. One, Nancy Ellen, married N. E. Walker, and they live at Pawhuska, Okla., the other, William Strange, was born in 1824 at Loogootee, Ind., married a Miss Mary E. Williams of Kentucky, and they raised two children. William Strange died near Litchfield, Ill. July 1st, 1878, and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery. A daughter of William Strange, Martha Ellen, married a Mr. McCandless, and they now live at Barkley, Sangamon county, Ill. The son, who is my correspondent, was born August 3rd, 1868 at Loogootee, Ind. He married and lives at Lebanon Junction, Ky. They have four children; names and date of birth of children are as follows: Drusa May Strange, born Nov. 25th, 1893; John William Strange, born March 22nd, 1898; Margaret V. Strange, born Feb. 8th, 1901, and Stella N. E. Strange was born Oct. 1st, 1908.

James William Strange knows but little more of his ancestors than is here shown, but the information is given for comparison with other data, and with a little labor and some correspondence I doubt not the relationship with other branches of the Stranges may be established.

CHAPTER XIV.

THE GEORGIA AND TENNESSEE STRANGES.

There are in Tennessee and Georgia several families of Stranges that are doubtless related to each other and to our branch, but the connection has so far not fully been established. The repetition of names, the drift of emigration and the many familiar traditions all debar any doubts as to our blood relations, and such seems to be the universal

belief and with more extensive research the exact relationship could, in our opinion, be established. We give a few of them.

LXXIV DR. BENJAMIN ALEXANDER STRANGE.

While I have not been able to show the connection between the family here sketched, and my own branch of the Strange family, yet from a remarkable similarity of names, and other evidences, I am sure that the two families are not only related, but were on intimate terms at an early day.

Dr. Benjamin Alexander Strange was born in South Carolina in 1786. In 1808 he married Miss Mary Bell. After giving birth to one child, Charner Bell, she died in 1813, and in 1814 the Doctor was again married to Miss Nancy Bowsman, and to this union there were four children born, Berry, Bradford, Robert and Polly, all common names in our family.

Dr. Strange had three brothers, Edmund, William, and Joseph, again all names in common use in our family.

Dr. Strange was a college professor and a practicing physician, and was especially conversant with the science of Astronomy, and gave college lectures on this interesting science. He died in 1847, in Sumner county, Georgia, leaving considerable estate for his heirs.

Charner Bell, the eldest of the doctor's sons, was born in 1809. In 1840 he was married to Nancy E. Goodson, and to that union there were born eight children. Five of them are now living. Charner Bell Strange was a civil engineer, and surveyor for many years, a man of ripe scholarship and well fixed financially. He died at Ellaville, Georgia, in 1885.

The children of Charner Bell were as follows:

1. Berry Alexander, a merchant of New Smyrna, Florida, where he died in 1872, leaving five children.
2. Thomas Robert, a farmer, now living at Ellaville, Georgia. His wife was Miss Mattie Greene, and they have five children, and are well fixed financially.
3. Joseph Charner, also a farmer at Ellaville, Georgia, his wife was Emma Massey, and they boast of three children. He is an interesting correspondent.

4. William Oscar, a merchant at Danville, Va., where he died in 1894, leaving a widow, who was a Miss Annie Noel, to whom he was married in 1884. They had five children.

5. Edmond World, was born in Schley county Ga. He married Lucy Collier in 1890. They live at Ellaville, Ga., and have three children. He is engaged in merchandizing.

6. Mary Bell, was born in Marion County, Ga. She married M. J. Wall, a lawyer, and they have eleven children. They now reside at Ellaville, Ga.

7. Elizabeth Virginia, was born in Marion County, was married to T. P. Barnes, and after giving birth to eleven children she died in 1860. Barnes was a farmer.

8. Emma Adaline, was born in Sumner County, Ga. She was married to J. F. Mott, and after three children had come to their care, she died in 1876. Mott was a farmer at Ellaville.

Joseph Clarnier says of this family: "They are all educated, successful and bald headed." I presume he means the men in applying the last appellation.

LXXV TURNER STRANGE, TENNESSEE.

One of the sons of William Henry Strange, was Turner. He was born about 1820, in Ky., or Tenn. He married Louisa Scruggs, and raised a family. His death occurred in Tenn. about 1865. His children, so far as we know, were:

1. Alice (Strange) Judkins, see sketch.

2. Joseph, never married. 3. Miselle, married and had one son. 4. John T. married Caroline Scruggs, in 1874, and had at least one daughter, named Georgie. 5. Hallie, born Jan. 17th, 1886. 6. Thomas, born Nov. 28th 1855. Married Ollie Bergett, and had two children. Claude and Florence. 7. Nannie, born Aug. 24th, 1857, married Py Cook, and had one son named Boyd Cook. These people lived mostly in Tenn. and in Ky., to some extent. Just what the relation between them and the families in Ky., were I have not been able to fully deter-

mine. But that they were related there is scarcely room to doubt.

LXXVI RUSH STRANGE.

One of the sons of William Henry Strange, was born in Tennessee, and so far as I know lived and died in Robinson county in that state. He married and had six children. They were:

1. Alexander Ewing, born 1818, lives at Adams Station, Tennessee.

2. Charles Strange, married in 1896 to Miss Bayliss, lives at Springfield, Tennessee. Have two children.

3. Edward Strange, single and lives at Adams Station, Tennessee.

4. Thomas Strange, lives at Cedar Hill Tennessee, no family.

5. Mary Strange, lives at Cedar Hill, no family.

6. Lee Strange, also lives at Adams Station, and reports no family.

LXXVII GOODWIN STRANGE

Another of the sons of William Henry Strange, was born about 1839, and died about 1874. He married and lived in Robinson County, Tennessee, where he raised a family, as follows:

1. Samuel, born 1869, married Mattie Hollingworth, has 5 children, lives at Cedar Hill, Tennessee.

2. Briant, no information.

3. George, married Miss Appleton.

4. John, born 1871, married Ellen Dannon, Nashville, Tennessee, 7 children.

5. Sallie, married A. James. Nashville, Tennessee, 7 children.

LXXVIII THEODORE STRANGE

Was born in 1828, and died in 1878. Lived in Robinson County, Tennessee, where he married and raised five children, as follows:

1. Lewis, born in 1872, married Ruby Cunningham, Guthrie, Kentucky. 1 child.
2. Ben. D., born 1864, married Effie Neville, Springfield, 6 children.
3. George, born 1866, married Bettie Guwin, Adams Station, 2 children.
4. Amanda L, born 1870, Adams Station, unmarried.
5. Augusta, (Strange) Moore, born 1868, married John Moore, lives at Cedar Hill, Tennessee.

LXXIX ALICE (STRANGE) JUDKINS

The only one of the Turner Strange's family that I have much knowledge of is Alice. She was born in Tennessee, November 18th, 1858. At the age of twenty, on the 10 th day of September, 1878, she was married in Logan County, Kentucky, to John J. Judkins. A year or two after her marriage they moved to Tennessee, where Judkins engaged in farming, which he pursued till the time of his death, which was about 1891. Five children are claimed by this couple, as follows:

1. Gertrude (Judkins) Bivil, born June 2nd, 1874, she married William Bivil, December 2nd, 1894, and they live at Cedar Hill, Tennessee.
2. Georgia Lee, born February 3rd, 1883, still lives with her mother.
3. Earl, born May 28, 1885, at home.
4. Prince, born Oct 9th, 1889, at home.
5. Henry, born Nov. 6, 1890. Still in the paternal home.

Miss Georgia, my correspondent is an interesting and pleasant girl, well accomplished in needle work and other housekeeping acquirements, and such education as their limited means and time would permit.

LXXX GIDEON STRANGE.

From Linton H. S. Strange, of Oconee, Georgia, we have the following information as to his ancestry. The earliest of his records show that one Gideon Strange, came to South Carolina, some time prior to the war of the Rev-

olution, from the state of Virginia. From the names given they surely were related to our ancestry who came from Virginia, to South Carolina, and they would seem to have been closely related or of the same stock of people as the Robinson county Tennessee Stranges, who were evidently the dependents of William Henry Strange. This Gideon Strange, had several children, all born in South Carolina. They were: Edmond, born in 1773; Elizabeth, born in 1775; Reuben, born in 1777; Gideon, born in 1780; and a younger one Seth.

Gideon, son of the above located in Georgia, and during his last years lived in Bibb county, that state, where he died in 1854. He had at least three children, William, James, and Gideon. All these lived in the state of Georgia. Gideon married Miss Martha Robinson, and eight children are to their credit, as follows: Mary Ann, born 1814, married Reuben Hall, now dead; John Jackson, born 1815, died in 1870; twice married and raised a family of eight children; Thomas C., born 1823, was killed while in the Confederate army in 1864, leaving a wife and six children; Reuben Gideon, born 1827, died in 1876, leaving two sons; Richard B., twin of Reuben G., died in same year as his twin brother, leaving no family; Martha Reney, born 1818, married Roberts, and died leaving four children; Emily Susanna, born 1820, died by poisoning in 1864, leaving six children; and Sarah born in 1812, and who died young.

John Jackson, the second of these children, was the father of the correspondent furnishing this information. He was married and had eight children, whose names were: Argenia, now dead; Elijah D., born July 6th, 1850, and died May 11th, 1893. He was Tax Receiver of Washington county at the time of his death; Nora A., dead; Bertha V., married James Hood, lives at Greston, Georgia, has one child; Maud L., married Grat Holt, lives at Wrightville, Georgia; Fannie L., born in 1853, and died in 1872; Linton H. S., our correspondent, born in 1855, married and has two children; and Thomas R., born in 1863, and now lives at Dublin, Georgia.

Linton H. S., is a farmer, seems to be an energetic man, and is an interesting correspondent. He has a wife

and following two children: Myrtle W., and John S., both still single and at home.

CHAPTER XV. THE ALLOWAY STRANGES.

One of the most interesting, oldest, and extensive families is described as the Alloway branch, and we give here such connected sketches of the leading representatives as our data will permit, in this and the next chapter.

LXXXI. ALLOWAY.

It is a little "Strange" and possibly poetic, to trace the origin of the name Alloway which is in very general use, either in full or abbreviated to simply A. in so many of the descendants of the Virginia Stranges. It appears to be an old Scottish name and has been in use for nearly two hundred years that we know of. So strenuous are some families to use the name or the initial that every child born to them has an A in their name whether male or female. The name was the name of the early home of Robert Burns, the Scottish Poet, or of his father's home near Ayr, who was a flower gardener, and the universal affection for him, led to the adoption of the name by the Stranges of that country. There is a sentiment connected with the exclusive use of this name, by our pro-genitors commendable and interesting. We find the name in Scottish and English history, and in America, we find it in the early records of the various Strange families in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Texas, making an unmistakable trail through two Centuries, and we can but express the hope that it will continue to be in common use in the Centuries to come,

LXXXII WILLIAM STRANGE.

Partly from historical notes furnished by L. A. A. Strange, and partly from the traditions of several corres-

pondents, we have this bit of early history: In the year 1601, there was born somewhere in Bonnie Scotland, one William Strange, whether he was a descendent of the Stranges of the Orkneys of two Hundred years before, is not known. Or whether he came from Kilwinning where Bobbie Burns began to sing on his fathers fruit farm "Alloway," remains for the future investigator to determine. At the age of eighteen this young man leaves his parental roof and crossing to England enlisted in the Navy and was sent on some mission to American shores by the British authorities. Accordingly he took passage in the ship "George" of the King's navy and during the latter part of 1619 landed near Jamestown, Virginia. He remained here for at least five years, as we find in 1623 that his name appears as a resident of Fluerdeon Hundred, but soon after this, he returned to England and from there to his native land. Here in course of time he took to himself a highland wife and at least one son was born to them, this son they named Edmond Alloway. This is our first traditional account of this word used as a family name. Again in 1635, we find this William Strange connected with the English navy, and in company with his brother Robert, he again is entrusted with some mission for the Crown, and takes passage in the ship "Pauline" in the command of Leonard Betts, bringing his wife and young son Edmond with him, landing in Virginia in July of that year. Edmond is said to have lived, or at least left descendants in Flurana county, while Robert either lived, or left children in Kent county.

It remains for the future historian to connect these early arrivals with those found here later. That they and our people are the same there can be no question. We the Kent descendants have as much right to "Alloway" as they of Flurana have to "Edmond" and we number our Roberts and Williams, as freely as they do their Seths and Elizabeths.

LXXXIII EDMOND ALLOWAY STRANGE

Every branch of the Alloway family say their first known ancestor was Edmond Alloway, and we do not ques-

tion this, but where he lived or where he came from, seems to be a puzzle. Capt. J. L. Strange of Kentucky, says he was born in Northern Scotland, and came to America in 1735, landing in Virginia, and some time after that moving to North Carolina, where in Wicks county, and in Wicksboro his great grand father Abner Alloway, son of Edmond A., was born in 1755. The record as given by Lewis A. A. Strange, is that Edmond lived at Schrewsbury, England, and that he married a Miss Rose there, and died there in 1785, consequently that his son Abner must have emigrated to America when a young man, as we find him going from Virginia to North Carolina in 1830, where he married a Miss Wilson, raised a family and died. We cannot harmonize this bit of history, but think the record of Capt. Strange the most reasonable. From this it would appear that Edmond Alloway was born not far from 1715, and had a brother Robert, and that he lived to be about seventy years of age. The Edmond Strange, of the Alexander Strange, or Kent family, was born January 9th, 1729 and was baptized in Peters Parish, February 22, 1730. He was the son of Henry Strange, and the grand son of Alexander Strange. Were the two or three Edmonds named the same person, or were they of different families, is a question not solved at this time, and is left for the hunter after genealogical facts to determine. But so far as the Kansas division of the Alloway branch is concerned, it is certain that Edmond Alloway, had a son Abner Alloway and that he married and became the father of Archelaus Alloway Strange, as noticed in the next sketch.

LXXXIV ABNER ALLOWAY STRANGE.

Without being able to determine whether we have one or more Edmond Alloways, as our first generation, we pass to the second. It is in evidence that Edmond Alloway, had a son Abner, and a son John A, and also a son Abraham, who were brothers, and it appears that Abner A. married a Miss Wilson in Virginia, and raised at least five sons; One, Nelson by name, married and had at least a son named Benton who was Captain of a company in the Confederate

army during the Civil War, and after the war lived in Georgetown, Texas, of which city he was Mayor for several terms; Nelson A. is said to have been born in Virginia in 1799 and to have died in Caldwell county N. C. The second son was named Abraham Alloway, and at present we have no account of him or his descendants. The third son of Abner A. was Archelaus Alloway who was born in North Carolina and who raised a large family as noticed in the next article. This Abner was either a brother or a cousin of John Alloway, and was also of the same generation as Henry, in the Kent county family. Another son was named John, and he married in North Carolina and among his children was a son named Isaac, who was the ancestor of W. H. Strange, noticed in the next sketch.

LXXXV ARCHELAUS ALLOWAY STRANGE.

For the head of our third generation of this numerous branch of the Alloways, we have Archelaus Alloway. He is said to have married an English woman named Elizabeth Coffey. The record shows that he was born July 12th, 1780, in Wilkes county, North Carolina, and that in 1799, he went to Kentucky, where he died October 23rd, 1852. We will here briefly notice his children: The first son was John Claiborne, he was born November 4th, 1804, married Sallie Walkup, and had at least three sons, Buler, Arthur, and Jack; Buler died young, Arthur was a practicing physician in Kansas, and Jack lived in Adair county, Kansas, of which county he was sheriff. The second was William A., born December 11th, 1805, married Demoise Davis, and died March 20, 1846, and was buried in the Simpson Cemetery and his grave is marked by eight large beech trees in a circle around it. The third was Abraham A. He was born March 3rd, 1808, married Elizabeth Morrison, died August 10th 1866, his body being buried in Glenna Fork Cemetery, Adair county Kentucky. The fourth was Lewis A., born March 19th, 1810, married Isabel Jane Biggs, of Maryville, Tennessee, died January 10th, 1886, buried in Cheathan Cemetery near La Fontaine, Kansas. He was the father of Lewis Wilson Strange, and the grand father of my correspondent, L. A. A. Strange, noticed further on.

The fifth was Archelaus A., married Celia Mills, died and his body buried in the Strange Cemetery near Burkaville, Kentucky. The sixth was Levi A. He married Elizabeth Robertson, and is dead, his body lies in Couches Cemetery. The seventh was Larkin A., born March 9th, 1819, married Mary A. Simpson in 1844, and died August 25th, 1884, his body being laid aside his brother in Couches cemetery. The eighth was Winstan A. He married Margaret Meadows, went to Texas where he died. The ninth, was Elizabeth A. She married Mr. Walkup, and when last heard from was still alive at the age of nearly one hundred, though she was deaf and blind. She was with her son in law Taylor in Oklahoma. The tenth was Polly, who married John L. Thomas, and died, and the last was Ellen who died young.

LXXXVI LEWIS A. AND LEWIS W. STRANGE.

In the preceding article we gave Lewis Alloway Strange, as the fourth son of Archelaus A., and noted his birth and death. He had the following children: James Knox A., born in 1844, married Etta Thomas, and lives near Chanute, Kansas; Mary V. A., married Edgar Chentham, lives at Coffeyville, Kansas, and claims ten children; Elizabeth J. A., born March 31st, 1850, married Joseph E. Taylor in 1868, has nine children and lives at Esda, New Mexico. Sarah Isabel, born September 22nd, 1855, and died in 1866; Lewis Wilson, born January 19, 1853, see below; Timothy, and Thomas, twins, were the last of this family. They were born and died in 1861. This family with the families of the several others mentioned in the preceding article, compose the fourth generation from Edmond, of this branch.

Lewis Wilson, is selected to represent the next generation. He was born January 19th, 1853, as above stated; and lived at La Fontaine, Kansas, where he died July 7th, 1905. Four children compose his descendants: F. W. Strange, employed in rail road work and is now located at Clovis, New Mexico; Lewis A. A., the second, will be mentioned in a following sketch; Zou Ellen, lives at La Fontaine,

Kansas, where she owns and operates a local newspaper; and Frank P. who also lives at La Fontaine, Kansas.

We now pass to the present generation, in which we briefly notice Capt. James L. and Lewis A. A. as representatives of the divisions of this interesting family.

LXXXVII CAPTAIN JAMES LEOAN STRANGE.

This staunch Southerner and Republican, is a son of Archelaus Alloway Strange, Jr. He was born in Kentucky in 1838, his mother was, before marriage, a Miss Celia Miller. Among the brothers and sisters of the Captain, were Winstan A., a physician, who died in Kentucky, and his body lies in the Glenss Fork Cemetery; Commodore A., lived at Moody, Texas, when last heard from; Amanda; Victoria; Vienna; Elizabeth and Anna, of whom no account is given us.

The Captain earned his title of Captain in the Union army in the Civil War. He and his cousin Alexander, were both in the war and earned reputations for courage and devotion to the Union Cause.

Archelaus A., the father of Capt. Strange, was born in 1812 and died in 1882, and his body rests in what is called the "Strange Cemetery", about four miles from Burkesville.

After the close of the war the Captain was for quite awhile in some official position in the United States Revenue Service. Later he went into the retail and wholesale tobacco business in his native town, which is in the "Blue Grass" region, famous for the finest tobacco in the country.

It is noticeable that the names Winstan, Theodore, and Larkin rather unusual names, are common in both the Alloway Stranges of which the Captain was one, and the Robinson county Tennessee Stranges, who do not claim relationship, though it is almost a positive conclusion that they are closely related.

Ada, the wife of Doctor Depp of Edmonton, Kentucky, is one of the Captain's daughters, and J. C. Strange, of Columbia, Kentucky, a prominent business man of that city, is a son of the Captain's.



PROF. W. H. STRANGE.

LXXVII—A PROF. W. H. STRANGE.

Prof. W. H. Strange, of Mundfordville, Ky., ex-Superintendent of Schools of Hart County, Ky., and at present in charge of the Farmers Institute work of his native state, was born in Kentucky in 1872. When a young man he was married to Miss Clark and they are the happy possessors of two boys and one girl. The father of W. H. was Alexander Strange, who also lived in Hart County, Ky. His wife was a Miss Sanders, and six children were born to the union. *Alexander died in 1891, and his wife died in 1903.*

Alexander had at least one brother, J. B. Strange, who lived in Kentucky, and who died several years ago. The father of Alexander and J. B. Strange was Isaac Strange. He married a Miss Doyal. Isaac Strange died in Kentucky in 1865, and a brother of his, Alexander, died in 1879. The father of the last two named was John Strange. He came from Virginia, to Kentucky in 1776 where his descendants have lived since.

We are pleased to give a cut of this enterprising member of the Strange family. He belongs to the numerous Alloway Stranges, and a comparison of family connections with the family of Capt Logan Strange is made in the next sketch.

LXXXIII W. H. STRANGE AND J. L. STRANGE TRACED.

W. H. Strange of Kentucky, says he belongs to the Alloway Stranges, and that he is related to Capt. J. L. Strange of Burkesville, Kentucky, but that he is unable to trace the connection. We will see if we cannot help him a little. Away back in the early part of the eighteenth century, Edmond Strange married a Miss Rose, and had at least two sons, John Alloway, and Abner Alloway. Abner Alloway married a Miss Wilson, left Virginia and located in North Carolina where he died in 1830. He was the father of Archelaus A., Gideon A., Nelson A., and John A., and possibly others. Nelson A., and Gideon A., have been noticed elsewhere. Archelaus A., married a Miss Coffey and was the father of a numerous family of which Archelaus A. Jr. was one, and John A., also married and

in 1820 he had a son named Isaac. Archelaus and Isaac were first cousins. Archelaus A. Jr., married Miss Celia Miller and among his children we find Captain James Logan Strange. While Isaac also married, his wife being a Miss Taylor, and among his children we find a son named Alexander. This Alexander was in the war of the Rebellion on the Union side, as was also his second cousin James Logan. Alexander is honored among his children by Prof. W. H. Strange, who suggested this inquiry, and Capt. James Logan, also has children, among whom may be mentioned J. C. Strange, Sec'y. of Columbia camp M. W. A. at Columbia, Ky. and these two scions of their illustrious fathers are third cousins. Thus we have followed these two branches of the extensive Alloway tribe, from their common parent, Edmond, down through five generations to W. H., and J. C., Strange, and it is my wish that these third cousins may enjoy their newly found relationship as all good blood ties should.

LXXXIX. LEWIS ALEXANDER A. STRANGE,
La. Fontaine, Kansas.

The subject of this sketch was born in Fredonia, Kansas, February 28th, 1878. He was the son of Lewis Wilson A. Strange, and a grand son of Lewis Alloway Strange, a great grand son of Archelaus A. Strange, whose father was Abner Alloway Strange, and whose grand father was Edmond Strange.

The life of this young Strange was spent mostly on his fathers' farm and in school, including the taking of courses and graduating from two colleges. Later he was in the mercantile business and in the employ of the rail roads in various positions. He has spent much time in the study of Art, History and Literature, and is a well equipped young man. I owe more to him than to any one else for helping in preparing these notes. My acquaintance is confined to a limited correspondence, and his extreme reticence has prevented me from knowing much of his life, or that of his folks.

He is a member of La Crosse Lodge No. 330 A. F. & A. Masons. He owns a ranch near Sheridan Lake, Colorado,



LEWIS ALEANDER A. STRANGE.

on which during the last few years he has spent much of his time. Recently he published a small brochure of "Strange Ancestral Notes," from which I have obtained very valuable matter used in this volume, and I feel under a lasting debt of gratitude to him for permitting me to do so. L. A. A. is still free from the alluring charms of the nobler sex, but all will see from the cut he has allowed me to use, that his good looks will be his entrapping soon.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE ALLOWAY BRANCH OF VIRGINIA.

As the two branches of this extensive family were divided several generations back, for convenience, they are here divided, and a few of the leading representatives are here briefly sketched.

XC COLONEL GIDEON ALLOWAY STRANGE.

The subject of this sketch was a man of more than ordinary prominence in the state of Virginia in his day. He was the son of John Alloway Strange, and the grand son of Edmond Strange. He was a wealthy planter of Fluvanna County, Virginia, having heired the estate largely from his father. The fact that John Alloway Strange was a resident of that county at that time is shown from the first census of the state, which records his family, and says that they consisted of six whites and eleven slaves.

When General LaFayette made his second trip to American soil, Col. Gideon Alloway Strange, though a young man, was appointed by Gen. Washington as his private escort, because of his position and because of his knowledge of the French language. In the war with Mexico, Col. Strange was in command, and was seriously wounded in the battle of Palo Alto, and although the wound apparently healed it kept manifesting recurring symptoms, and during his last years was very painful, eventually developing into blood poisoning and causing his death of lock jaw, while at Richmond, Virginia.

The mother of Gideon Strange, was a Miss Harriet Maguder, and his grand mother was a Miss Rose. Although Colonel Gideon Strange, was contemporary with Archelaus Alloway and Amos Bradford, and were doubtless cousins to them, yet he was too young to have been in the war of the Revolution as they were.

Colonel Gideon A. Strange, represented his District in the Legislature of his state for twenty one years, and much of the valuable legislation of that great state owes its inception and enactment to his indefatigable labors in the interest of his state.

Among the children of Col. Gideon Alloway Strange, brief reviews will be given of a few in succeeding articles. We will mention here, Anna Mildred, who married a man named Carrington in 1840; and died after raising a family of nine children. Mrs. J. M. Benson, a daughter of hers, of Pueblo, Colorado, gives much of the matter in this paper. Another child, James M. married Harriet P. Mayo, and a brother, of his, Gideon A. also married A Mayo, and went to Cartersville, Ohio, where he died, and nine children were accredited to them. Sallie Willie, a daughter married a man named Stockton and are said to be living at Quincy, Florida. Elizabeth married a Clevoning, and died in Virginia, leaving twelve children. And Hattie M. who married F. H. Tutwiler, a lawyer and had a family of six children, in Alabama. Others will be reviewed as the information will justify.

NC—A GIDEON ALLOWAY STRANGE, JR.

Elsewhere I have noticed Gideon Alloway Strange, who married Harriet Maguder, and his son Gideon Alloway, who married Catherine Mayo, and in this brief sketch we want to note some of the children of the last named. Ruth Carrington Strange married Rev. Geo. W. Watkins. Fannie Bouie Strange married George Stanley Brown and one son came to them, George S. Brown; Edna G. Strange another daughter. Then my correspondent Harriet Mayo Strange, married Dr. Paulus F. J. Miller and they live at Virginia Beach, Va. William Howard Strange, married Maude Miller, and they are reported with the following



G. A. STRANGE, JR.

MRS. HARRIET P. MILLER



WM. HOWARD STRANGE.

children: Paul Howard, Edna Marion, Edward Deck, Hattie C., Walter G., and Alice Bouie. I am pleased to present a picture of this enterprising member of this family. Then we have Sarah Magruder Strange, who married Thomas W. Waldon, and they have one son, Murray H. Waldon. Next is Catharine M. Strange, who married John S. Rainey, and two children, Kate D. Rainey and Lewis A. Rainey are claimed by them; next we have Gideon Alloway Strange, the third generation of the name. He married Eva G. Shackelford, and the following children are reported: Gideon Alloway, R. May, Virginia, Edith, Hattie, Evaline, and Geo. S. Then there was Virginia L. Strange, who married David W. Owens.

I have only given the names of the members of this family which has been given me. I know little more of them just now, but those who care to know more can get into touch with them by corresponding with them. I will only say, that from the limited correspondence I have had with them, that they are an intelligent and appreciative family, and I regret that this information came too late to correspond with them more, and compile a better sketch.

XCI COLONEL JOHN BOUIE STRANGE.

The subject of this sketch, was the oldest son of Gideon Alloway Strange, a wealthy planter of Fluvanna County, Virginia. His mother was a Miss Harriet Magruder.

John Bouie graduated from the Norfolk College, studied law, and practiced his profession in Norfolk and Richmond. He held a Professorship in his Alma Mater, where he lectured on Law and Jurisprudence, and for awhile he was the Principal of the Military Academy at Norfolk. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, John Bouie, enlisted in the Confederate service, being made Colonel of his Regiment. At the battle of Antietam he was killed in battle at the head of his regiment. John Bouie is described by Mrs. J. M. Benson, a niece, as a very able man, of commanding appearance, and greatly admired by all who knew him. Mrs. Benson further says that the mother of John Bouie said in her presence many times, that all the

Stranges of Virginia were related and were the descendents of three brothers who came directly from England several generations before.

XCH EDWARD MAGRUDER STRANGE.

The second son of Gideon Alloway Strange, was Edward Magruder. He was born in Flurana county, Virginia, and died in Norfolk, Virginia. He was a lawyer by profession, having graduated from Norfolk college, in both Literature and Law. In his young manhood he was married to a Miss Whitney, who survived him, and when heard from was still living somewhere in the state of California. She was a descendent of Prof. Whitney of Cambridge, and claims descent from a Sir Knight Whitney, who accompanied William the Conqueror from Normandy in his conquest of England. Like many established families in the old World, the Whitneys had large estates, and a sort of seal of Government, and the Old Castle stands today on the border line between Wales and England, which the Whitneys possessed during their reign in feudal times.

Edward Magruder Strange, was an exceptionally fine French scholar, and at times was entrusted with missions for the Government where the French language was necessary to be used. His descendents live in Alabama, Colorado, and California. Miss Helen Strange, a prominent teacher of Gilroy, California, a daughter of Edward Magruder Strange, says that her mother, came of a long line of professional people. She says it is commonly accepted tradition among her people, that the De Strange, of the "Cow Pens" was an ancestor of our family, and that the De was dropped after crossing the water. In speaking of her mother's family says her great grand mother was a Douglas and came of the same line as the "Earl of Douglas" prominent in English history, and that Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois was also of the same line of descent.

XCHH WILLIAM ALLOWAY STRANGE.

William Alloway Strange, a son of Colonel Gideon Alloway Strange and a grand son of John Alloway Strange,

was a half brother of Colonel Logan Boule Strange, was a native Virginian, and a graduate of the Norfolk college. He studied law and practiced the profession in Norfolk and Richmond. He inherited quite an estate from his father, and by careful management increased it until at the time of his death he was a very wealthy man for his day. As he was a devoted Episcopalian, and had no family to inherit his wealth, he made a will in which he bequeathed \$50,000 to the Episcopal Old Ladies Home, located in Norfolk. He died in Richmond, Va., an honored and greatly appreciated philanthropist and scholarly gentleman.

XCIH—A JOHN STRANGE HALL.

The subject of this sketch was born in Vandalia, Lewis county, Va., Jan. 29th, 1826. He was the son of Joseph Hall, and a half brother of William and John Strange, and also had several sisters, and one full brother. He was named for the Rev. John Strange, who was of his mother's family and who was born in Virginia, emigrating to Ohio and from there to Indiana, where his reputation as a pulpit orator was of more than local repute. See sketch elsewhere. The step father of John Strange Hall was William Strange, who located in Lewis county Va., in 1787, coming here from Panquier county, Va. Just who the father of William Strange was we do not know, but it is known that he was closely related to the Rev John Strange, and was also related to the William Strange, the victim of what is called "The Strange Tragedy" as noticed in another place. This relative of the family Strange by birth, is in his eighty sixth year, and has a distinct memory of many of the early Stranges, and events connected with their early history, and promised to have a sketch prepared for this publication, but owing to his enfeebled condition from age, and lack of help, has been unable to furnish it before going to press. Later: the Hon. Wm. S. O'Brien of Buckingham, Va., says that William Strange, step father of Joseph Hall, was the father of the Rev. John Strange.

XCIH—B ABNER ALLOWAY STRANGE.

Among the several children of John Alloway Strange

of Flurana County, Va., was the subject of this sketch. He married a Miss Sarah Crewdson of Flurana County, Va. The marriage taking place on what was then, and is yet known as the "Old Crewdson Place," and to this union there were four boys and one girl born, whose names were as follows: Abner William, Reuban, Thomas, Joab, and Elizabeth. The object of this paper is to speak briefly of Abner William Strange. He became a cripple when only twelve years of age, and although he was in the employ of the Government during the Civil War, owing to his physicality he was not in the ranks. He was born Feb. 13th, 1828, and was married in 1846 to Miss Mary Spencer, and one daughter was born to them, who they named Mary and who married a veteran of the civil war, Col. Clement Fontaine. For the forty years of their married life they lived on the Fontaine farm in Flurana county. About five years ago Col. Fontaine died, and his widow still lives on the old homestead.

Abner lived to be about seventy years of age, dying in 1892. The Lincolnborg News, said of him at the time of his death, "Abner William Strange, an old and well known citizen of this city, died this morning at 8:35. The deceased was a man of sterling character, and had many friends here. One of them a prominent business man, said of him; 'He was a man of fine intellect; and had the will and nerve of an Andrew Jackson. No man ever lived who dispised a mean and dirty action more than Mr. Strange, and when he was a friend to one, he would go his full length for him.' All who knew him intimately unite in their tribute to his amiability, worth, and strict integrity in the discharge of every duty toward his fellow men. He was firm as the granite hills when he believed he was right. A man of observant turn of mind and retentive memory, he was a store house of interesting facts. His friends confided in his judgment and often sought his advice on important matters. Mr. Strange belonged to one of the prominent families of this part of the country, and was often called upon to fill positions of trust and responsibility."

XCIV CONTEMPORANEOUS FAMILIES.

We have an Edmond Strange as the father of Abner Strange, and the progenitor of the Kansas and Kentucky families, who it is claimed lived in Schrewsbury, England, and died there. Then we have an Edmund Strange the father of John Alloway Strange, as the head of the Fluvanna County, Virginia Stranges, who was born and died in Virginia. And we also have an Edmond Strange, the son of Henry Strange and the grand son of Alexander Strange, and who was the father of Amos and William Henry, and was the forefather of the South Carolina branch of Stranges. These three, if different persons, were contemporaneous, and if they were not different persons, then there is some mistakes made from family records or tradition, that confuses and has caused much fruitless inquiry. Let the future historian of Strange biography work the problem out. That these names come into the history simultaneously, and from nearly the same locality, there is no doubt, and that their families were contemporaneous is equally certain, though those most prominent are several years apart in the family history, a matter easily true. Of Abner, we have Archleaus Alloway, and Abraham Alloway, and Nelson Alloway; and of John A., we have Gideon Alloway; and of Henry we have Amos. At least one of these was a veteran of the Revolution, namely Amos, while Gideon and Archleaus at least, was too young to have been in the Revolution, but Gideon was in the Mexican war. This puzzle is mentioned from time to time in our reviews of their descendents. We do not claim that the record as we have made it up, from the best sources available, is correct, but at least it is the consensus of the best records and traditions submitted to us, on which to base our opinions and from which our records are made.

We hope the coming genealogical experts will solve the matter and announce the result.

CHAPTER XVII

UNCLASSIFIED STRANGES.

In the course of our correspondence quite a number of Stranges in different parts of the country have been inter-

viewed, and as their information was either so meagre, or so entirely different to the known lineage of our people, we have not named them in these pages. We give here only a few of them in each instance there is some evidence of relationship as shown, and their statements of lineage are considered worth studying.

XCV R. E. STRANGE.

Sherman Texas, is the location of a wholesale and retail jewelry establishment, under the management of R. E. Strange. He furnishes me with a very interesting account of his forefathers. He says that for many years he was a traveling salesman for a wholesale house, and that he found and talked with Stranges in thirteen different states, and that every one of them claimed Virginia origin, and that from all the evidence he was able to gather, that he had no doubt that all these branches were related by common descent. All claim an English residence before coming to America, and many go far enough back to trace their remote parentage to Scotland. The father of R. E. Strange was David Strange, he was born in Ga., and died in Texas at the age of 70. His grand father was a Primitive Baptist Preacher, name Samuel, who pursued the ministry for 55 years, dying at the ripe age of ninety three. His great grand father, was killed in the war of the Revolution, having enlisted from Virginia. He gives a list of his relatives past and present, which contains many names common to our people. The name Mitchel occurs in this family, which is suggestive of being one of the children of our fore parents, who we have not been able to locate in the line of descent. The original Mitchell died in Kent county, Virginia, April 30, 1717, and as the great uncle of R. E. S., must have been born not far from 1790 it is not unreasonable to assume that he was a descendant of the Mitchell of Peters Parish Virginia and therefore of the same stock of Stranges from whom we all descended.

XCV—A WILLIAM GEORGE STRANGE.

Peyton A. Strange of Columbia, Va., and his brother Robert Lee Strange of Boscobel, Va., sons of William

George Strange of Oak Hill, Va., write me that their forefathers have lived in Flaraba county Va., for a great many years. Their grand father was N. C. Alloway Strange, and he lived at Dog Point in that state. William G. lived at Oak Hill, Va., as did his brother Gideon, but sufficient information has not been given me to make a complete sketch.

KCVI J. P. STRANGE.

In 1829 John Sylvester Strange, came from Kentucky to Illinois, settling in Waynesville. Here he raised a family, whose names were Henry Clay; Andrew Jackson; William P.; Charles Alexander, Samuel G.; and James Phillip, who is my correspondent. John Sylvester, was born in South Carolina, and came from that state to Kentucky. He also had two brothers in Kentucky whose names were Charles D. and Alexander. The drift of omigration and the similarity of names indicates very strongly that they are of the same family as those now located at Ellaville, Ga., who are beyond doubt related to our branch of the Stranges, the difference being, as I see it, that we are descended from Henry Strange, and they from Alexander, who were brothers.

James Phillip says he knows but little about his ancestry. His father was born in 1800, and died in 1858, and as he was born in 1840, his father dying when he was only sixteen, that he has never inquired into his ancestry extensively. He has a son, Arthur, as his only descendant. He is an active member of the Masonic lodge of his town, and seems to be a well infomed versatile man.

KCVII SAMUEL ADAMS STRANGE.

Mrs. Addie Strange of Kendall, Washington, furnishes me with this brief sketch of her husband's family. Samuel Adama, and brothers Charles and William of Blue Rapids, Kansas, were the sons of Samuel Strange of Halifax county, Va. Samuel had seven brothers, Martin, John C., Paul, Joseph, Calvin, Rolland, and Benjamin. Their father was Henry Strange. He lived in Campbell county, Virginia, not far from Linchburg. Henry Stranges father is re-

ported to have come from Scotland, and to have been related to Sir Robert Strange, the Artist of London.

Martin is said to live in Alabama. John was killed in the Rebellion, Paul died in Missouri, Joseph died in California. Rolland lives in Kansas. Ben lives in Colorado and Calvin is thought to be dead.

A nephew of Samuel Adams, named Samuel T. lives in Montana at Helena. Samuel Adams has two children, William L., and Chas. A. both live at Tacoma, Wash.

From this limited information I am unable to show the relationship to our people, but do not doubt but they are of some one of the numerous Virginia families of Stranges, and are distantly related, as are all the Virginia families.

I do not believe that they are related to Sir Roberts descendants, only to the same degree that we all are, that of a common ancestry centuries back in Scotland.

XCVIII GINO STRANGE.

In 1908 it was my privilege to spend an hour with Gino Strange of Florence, Italy, while on a visit to the World's Fair at Seattle.

Gino is the son of Thomas Strange, a descendant and name sake of Thomas Strange, who was the second son of Sir Robert Strange, the celebrated Artist of London. The house of Thomas Strange and sons, at Florence is one of the largest and oldest establishments for the manufacture and sale of Sculpture and other works of art in the world, and it seems that the artistic temperament and ability has been continued down through the descendants of Sir Robert, who in his day had no superior in his line of art.

Thomas Strange married an Italian lady and Gino is a thorough Italian, though possessing the artistic temperament of his forefathers from London. Gino said that a sister of his had a very complete chronological account of the descendants of Sir Robert Strange in England and Italy. But had not attempted to trace those of the family that came to America.

The English family to which Gino belongs have an estate at Dorsett, England, which remains in the family by entail.

XCIX DANIEL STRANGE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

The subject of this sketch, is the son of John Strange one of the pioneers of Eaton county, Mich. He was born on the day that Polk was inaugurated President, and has lived all his life in the state of his nativity. He was educated in Olivet College, and in the state Normal at Ypsilanti, and was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College. The degree of Master of Science was conferred on him by his Alma Mater in 1870. He is the author of the "Tarak Manuel" and the inventor of various educational and technical devices, and has written much in the magazines, mostly on subjects involving questions of civics. He was a candidate for Congress in 1892, and reduced the usual majority, that he was attempting to overcome.

Daniel Strange, has prepared one of the most complete diagrams of his family records, that has been my privilege to see in my extensive correspondence, and from that diagram it appears that his ancestors landed in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1610, and have lived in that state and in Massachusetts, migrating to Ohio and other western states, where their descendants now live. He says that his ancestors came to America from Tunbridgewells, England, having come to England with William the Conqueror. We give the following brief tracing of his immediate ancestry: John Strange, with his wife Alice, and at least one son, together with his brother Lot, in 1610 landed in Portsmouth as above stated. A son of the John Strange, was named Lot, and his wife was Mary Sherman, and they are reported to have had seven children, among whom was a son also named Lot. This Lot married Hannah Hathaway and raised a family of fourteen children among whom was a son named John. John was born in 1724 and married Miss Johanna Joslyn and to that union there was born seven children, one of them being Charles, born in 1758. This Charles married Esther Babbitt, and eleven children are credited to them. The tenth one was a son named John, who married Orina Sprague, and among the four children of this couple is the subject of this sketch, making seven generations and eight if we included Daniels children.

Daniel says that his English ancestry trace their ori-



DANIEL STRANGE.

gin back to the La Stranges of France and Scotland, which we think is correct.

While we do not claim any relationship with this extensive family of over two hundred Stranges, yet we have the same evidences of ancient common origin, that we have of other English branches.

XCIX—A. EX-GOVERNOR JOHN STRANGE.

The Hon. John Strange of Menasha, Wis., has furnished me with some data from which I have arranged the following sketch:

His father, together with one brother, James, and a sister Rachel, came from Belfast, Ireland, to America, when he was about twenty years of age, settling in Ordenburg, N. Y. After a residence there of some six or seven years, he emigrated to Wisconsin, about 1850, where he lived his allotted time, dying only about twelve years ago.

Four sons and two daughters were born to this Wisconsin pioneer, only one of which we notice here.

John Strange, the subject of this sketch, was born in Oakfield, Wis., June 27th, 1852, and with his parents, and family, they located in Menasha, late in the year of his birth, where he has resided to this day. On the 11th day of July, 1876, he was married to Miss Mary McGregor of Neenah, Wis., and they have four children, as follows: Katherine, aged 32; Ethel, aged 27; Hugh, aged 25, and Paul, aged 24.

He was educated in the public schools, and in Beloit College, and early entered into a business career in which he has succeeded by his energy and business acumen.

For awhile he taught school, then clerked in a store, then kept store on his own account, then after some experience in the wooden ware business, he began the manufacture of wooden ware, and later of paper and kindred lines. At the present time he is the President of the John Strange paper company of Menasha, and of the Standard Mirror Co. of Oshkosh, and a Director in the McMillan Sash and Door Co., and of the Fox River Paper Co.

He has frequently been called upon to fill positions of trust and responsibility, has been Recorder of Deeds, Mem-

per of the School Board and Lieutenant Governor of his native state.

In politics, Mr. Strange is a progressive Republican, and has canvassed the state, speaking in the interest of the Republican party during the last two or three campaigns. He is a loyal supporter of Senator LaFollette, and would like to see him made President of the United States.

While we cannot lay claim to relationship to this Strange, the data is included here, to aid, if possible, in uniting the various scattering Stranges, by some better informed historian, in the future.

CHAPTER XVIII.

MISCELLANEOUS SKETCHES.

If space would permit, there are many things of interest, historically, or sentimentally, that indicate the principles or temperament of our people, not that they would add weight, but that they would at least amuse, we would be pleased to include among these sketches. But the limits of this volume will not permit us to do so. At the risk of going beyond the limit blocked out, we give a few such sketches.

C A PATHETIC TRADITION.

In the early settling of the Eastern portion of the country, the lands were mostly a dense forest, which had to be cleared off and fenced. Among the many privations of that day, was the frequent loss of stock, which would wander off in search of food. I have heard my father and uncles tell some incidents which would make interesting reading if I had the space to record them. I will only give one, which has come to me from two correspondents, and which must have occurred at a very early day. A horse belonging to one of the early Kent county, Virginia Stranges, having wandered away, the owner went in search, and in following a supposed trail he went far into the forest, and with nothing to guide him, he became bewildered and lost; and after

wandering for days and nights, he lost all hope, and in a famished and exhausted condition, lay down on a large flat rock and died. His body was eventually found and was buried in the family cemetery in Peters Parish. Before laying down to die, to identify his remains if they should be destroyed by the wild animals of the forest, he wrote on the smooth bark of a near by tree, the following:

"Strange by name, and nature too.

A Pilgrim in a world of pain.

To home and friend's I bid adieu,

Your loss is my eternal gain."

CI WELL EARNED PRAISE.

After a strenuous life of study, and artistic accomplishments, mingled with travel and arms, and crowned with wealth and honor, Sir Robert Strange, took the dropsy, and after a lingering sickness died in London July 5th, 1792.

The London Oracle of July 7th, said of his death: "After having been in declining state of health, about one o'clock on Thursday the 5th day of July 1792 died at his home on Great Queen Street Lincoln Inn Fields, Sir Robert Strange, Knight. His nice feelings of honor, probity and benevolence, are deeply imprinted on the minds of all who had the happiness to know him; while his elegant and masterly engravings will be a lasting monument to transmit his name to posterity."

In the memoirs as published by Mr. Dennistown, he says of him: "Of all the men whom the writer of this narrative ever knew, or ever read or heard of, Sir Robert Strange possessed the mildest and most ingenious manners, joined to dispositions of mind, the most liberal and benign. There was in his temper an endearing gentleness, which united with affection and a warm sincerity immediately perceptible, which infallibly seconded it. To know him and be his enemy was as impossible as to know him and not be his friend.

With a just sense of political relations, religious principles the most zealous, were conjoined. But his religion, though warm, was tolerant, and his devotion, like his oth-

er virtues was wholly devoid of ostentation. He was unquestionably the best engraver England ever produced, his close attention to every particular article, perhaps no one in any part of the world has ever equalled.

CII THE THREE BROTHER TRADITION.

There is a tradition, remarkable for its general acceptance, that the first Stranges who came to America and settled in Virginia, consisted of three brothers, and that they left sumptuous houses, wealthy parents, and social standing to seek a fortune in the new Eldorado. This is often called "the Three Brother Tradition" and has been transmitted down the line of descent for many generations. In my correspondence, that tradition has been claimed, by probably a score of family representatives, in nearly as many parts of our country. At least two Stranges have attempted to gather a line of testimony that would enable them to make application to the English government for a distribution of the supposed unclaimed money, or the redistribution of monies that rightfully belonged to heirs lost in the wilds of our new country. As to any great wealth having been forfeited by our progenitors I think that is a mere "fake." But I do not in the least doubt the "Three Brother Tradition."

Whether Alexander, Thomas, and Michael or Mitchell were the three brothers I would not say, as the evidence is insufficient to base a strong opinion on. The tradition, quite common that we are descended from Sir Robert, is certainly not true as our people were here many years before the death of Sir Robert. But I entertain no doubt that we are related to this branch of the English Stranges.

A son of Sir Robert, Sir Thomas Andrew Strange, was appointed by the Crown as the Chief Justice of Halifax and sailed from England to that country in July 1789. His descendants or relatives are numerous in Canada and their near by associations may have given rise to this tradition of kinship with Sir Robert, mistaking kinship for heirs'hip.

CIII LADY STRANGE.

Isabella Catherine (Lamiden) Strange, the wife of Sir Robert Strange, to whom she was married in 1747, was

the sister of the Hon. Andrew Lumsden, author of the "Antiquities of Rome," and the private Secretary to the Stuart Princes, for eighteen years.

Mrs. Strange was a very talented and loving wife and mother, and doubtless was an aid to the brilliant career of her talented husband. In speaking of her husband in one of her letters, she said: "He was the most beloved husband that ever a virtuous wife could boast of, with whom I lived most happy forty five years." In speaking of herself in another of her letters she said: "My health is excellent. I have no cough, my cheeks are blooming, I have two teeth and several brown hairs on my head and could dance at any of my children's weddings." She was eighty four when this was written. She died at the age of 87 years, and I quote from a London periodical in announcing her death. "Died on the 25th day of February 1806 at her home in East Acton, in the eighty seventh year of her age, Lady Strange, relict of the late Sir Robert Strange, whose name has been justly celebrated by the admirers of the fine arts in every country in Europe. The lively and entertaining conversation of the lady whose death we announce, will be remembered and the loss of it regretted, by her numerous and respectable acquaintance. At so late a period in life she retained all the energy of an active and vigorous mind, and united to the dignity of age, the vivacity of youth. Her whole life was usefully and actively employed for the benefit of her own family, as for that of those in whom she took an interest. She was equally distinguished by purity of morals, integrity of principles, and excellence of understanding."

CIV THE OLD REPUBLICAN CHURCH.

From L. A. A. Stranges Ancestral Notes, I cull the following: In 1825 an agreement was entered into by Archelaus Alleway Strange, and one John Turner, a neighbor, to build a church on the dividing line between their two farms, in Adair county, Kentucky, where they then lived.

The agreement was carried out, and for many years, the many Stranges of that community worshiped there; and there Archelaus was buried, and on the stone that

marks his grave the following inscription is found: Archelaus A. Strange, born July 12th 1780, died Oct. 23d 1852. The church in course of time became known as "The old republican church" and continued to be used as a place of worship until 1887 when it was destroyed by fire. A new church was erected on the same grounds, which is now used, and may be said to be a monument to the religious zeal and earnestness of the Stranges and their descendants.

CIV—A THE STRANGE TRAGEDY, CORRECTED HISTORY.

From Mr. John Strange Hall of West Virginia, who is now in his eighty-sixth year, I have this corrected account, of what was for many years called by the Virginia Stranges "The Strange Tragedy" and which I have referred to in another place.

In the year 1795, William Strange of Virginia, was in the employ of a Government Surveying party, under the command of one Henry Jackson. He was the cook for the party, and a horse having strayed off, as recited in the former sketch, William Strange was sent in search of the animal, and never came back and such search as was made at the time failed to find his remains. Years after his wandering away a settler named Fitzwater, found his skeleton, and nearby on a tree his name engraved as already stated. The place where the body was found was about fifty miles from where the company was camped and was at the mouth of a creek, which from this circumstance, was named Strange Creek. About fifteen miles further on a gun barrel and lock was also found under a shelving rock, which was evidently the property of William Strange, as it corresponded with those in use by the party. He was evidently trying to make his way back to the camp, when exhaustion overcame him and death was the result. This incident is of much importance for the reason that the unhappy victim was of the same family as our people and yet the account in some form seems to have been handed down as a tradition in all the Virginia families of Stranges, showing a close acquaintanceship and we believe relationship between the different families, and one certain-

ly well understood in that day. Just what was the relationship of the unfortunate victim, to the known Stranges of that day, we are unable to definitely say.

CV THAT'S STRANGE.

A good old Scotch friend of mine relates the following story: "In his boyhood days in Scotland, there was in the town that he lived in a lawyer by the name of Strange. He was generally known to be a very upright and honorable man, though that is far from the generally accepted reputation of the legal fraternity. Eventually this honest old lawyer paid nature's debt, and was buried in the village cemetery.

Soon afterwards his friends selected a suitable stone to erect over his grave, and after some deliberation it was decided to engrave on the stone these words only: "Here lies an honest lawyer." In arriving at this decision, it was agreed, that every one who read the inscription would involuntarily speak his name, as, the natural ejaculation of, all would be, "Thats Strange!"

CVI A LAUGHING INCIDENT.

The doing of ridiculous things, is not always confined to the ignorant or the lowly, as is shown in the following experience of the eminent artist Sir Robert Strange.

Chambers Encyclopedia, in a sketch of this great Artist says: "In 1745, he deserted art for arms, joining the army of Charles Edward, not so much for enthusiasm for his cause, as to find favor with a Miss Isabella Lumisden, who would only consent to be gracious to him on that romantic condition. After the final collapse of the adventure, he was in hiding at the home where Miss Isabella resided, and on occasion of its being searched, by the soldiery, he scrouded himself under the ample folds of her petticoat, and thus cleverly evaded detection.

It is extremely satisfactory to know that soon after this exploit the lady requitted his heroism by marrying him."

CVII NAMES REPEATED.

One of the strongest evidences of relationship between the various scattering branches of the Stranges, lies in the oft repeating of names, especially the more uncommon ones. For instance, we find *Edmond* at the head of three families, and appearing in at least two others. *Alexander*, while heading our family, and continuing down its line, jumps over into the *Clarner Strange* family and takes possession. *Berry*, that we supposed we had a patent on, goes over into *Indiana* and allows the *Cyclone Indiana* people to use him. *Winston*, so common in the *Robinson county, Tennessee* family, does not stay there but gets into the *Archelaus* family of *Virginia*. Even *Archelaus*, is not satisfied to remain in the *Virginia* family but breaks the bounds, and we find him down in *Tennessee*. *Mitchell* of our early *Virginia* people, follows along down the line and we hear of the name over in the *North Carolina* family. Other more common names may not be so significant as these, rather uncommon ones, though to a *Strange* no names seem to be strange.

CVIII NAMES CHANGES.

In corresponding with several persons who possessed special facilities for advising the writer, the views or deductions from certain information was freely discussed, and often the views or information furnished me in this way, were adopted as the expressions here given. In reference to the natural change of name in changing residence from one country to another, *Prof. A. C. Strange* says, "I believe that the *Stranges* of *England* and *America* originated from the *French-Norman* family, who were themselves descendants of earlier *Scotch* ancestry. The name *D'Estrange* is a *French-Norman* word, and is the same word usually used in *Scotland* as *Strange*. The root word of both in the *French* means strange. The *Latin* word, which is the source of the *French* one, is *extraneus*, from which we get our word *extraneous*. The *French* word in common use today is *etrange*. The *De* is a *French* prefix in common use in that country, meaning "of" and in its

application would mean "Of a certain family." For instance the Marquis De Lafayette, means the Marquis of the Lafayette family. The English family De Strange, is by common reasoning the same family as ours. In Scotland and in Wales there is no root word corresponding with the French, and for that reason the word is, and was commonly used in its primitive form "Strange."

CHAPTER XIX.

CIX STRANGE BUT TRUE, AN HISTORICAL FORVIEW.

The Island of Pomona of the Orkneys on the Coast of Scotland, is inhabited by a quaint, bold and determined people, and their country, like its people, are picturesque, and rich in almost forgotten history. The red sand stone rocks that skirt the many arms of the sea, that extend their tortuous courses up into the fertile valleys of the unique country, are washed by the storms and tempests that are of frequent occurrence. At one time agriculture flourished, but for many years it has been an insignificant factor in its prosperity. The production of kelp, the manufacture of liquors, and the more dangerous occupation of fishing have been the chief sources of income. The inhabitants, originally Celts, with an admixture of the Norwegian adventurers, were in past times noted alike for their rude intelligence, their religious zeal, and their unexampled bravery. Some thirty churches of the Free and United Presbyterian Order, were established, and schools, rudimentary in character, though efficient as results show, were fostered by every church. Kirkwall, the Capitol, became a populous center from which many Statesmen, of more than local renown are known to have emanated. The names given to children in the early days of this, as well as other countries, were single, and usually given for some peculiarity of person or people.

Here during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, there lived several families noted for their great physical strength, and on account of that fact they were called Straug, or sometimes Straing, either of which is the ver-

nacular spelling of the Scotch word strong, a word most fitting to this remarkable people.

Among the prominent people of Kirkwall we find several men of wealth and official position from among these strong people. Less than a century following these references to the Strangs we find these same people recorded in various parts of Scotland as Stranges. And by this name they emigrated into England, Eastern Scotland, and into France and Wales. But returning to Pomona, we find as the country became older and more populous, a double name began to be commonly used, and so we have David Strang and Magnus Strang, and Robert Strang, and others who became possessed of large landed estates, and these strong people being in close touch with the authorities, of the then independent country, but afterwards a part of the Scottish dominion, their holdings were confirmed to them by royal decree, which carried with it the title and family name, and the right to be designated by a Coat of Arms.

The thirty two parishes of the Orkneys were independent in their governmental affairs until the wars came on which involved Scotland and England, with other countries then the Pomonaites readily enlisted in the defence of their common country, and partly owing to the weakness of Scotland, and possibly partly owing to the offers for political preferment by other countries, we see the Stranges scattering to various other countries. Some to the more populous cities of Scotland, some to France, some to Wales, and more to the more permanently established shores and cities of England. The homes and clans of the Stranges of the Orkneys were in this manner largely broken up, and indeed the country itself became only a reminiscence of its pristine beauty and glory.

For a time the family title to the Balkasky property, though an action of debt, was taken from the Stranges, and so remained till restored by King George as a reward for distinguished services and eminence. In the selection of a Coat of Arms, the Lion, rampant, with tail extended, and head erect was adopted. It is supposed that the close relations with the Georges had something to do with selecting the design as it was very nearly the same as theirs. This Coat of Arms never changed no matter into what

country they emigrated, though as was the custom of the day, the name was slightly changed as they became citizens of other countries; thus we have the De Strangs and the De Stranges of France; and the La Stranges and De La Stranges in England. Under the name of Strange, we find this family closely identified with the Stuaris of Scotland for many years, and under the name of De Strang we find them called upon to assist in many diplomatic missions for both the French and English nations. As Stranges, we find them in the foreign ministerial missions, as Commanders of Armies, as Artists of renown, and as Financiers engaged largely in foreign wholesale trade.

At least two seats of family government were established in England as the centers of Strange patrimony, and at least one of these, Hunstanton Hall, many diplomatic assemblages were convened, where the Coat of Arms, the Wreath and Crest, were displayed galore, and where they are to be found to this day.

When the New World, was announced and immigration to its shores was the impelling spirit of the most hardy and courageous, the Stranges were among the first to land on its shores. At least one was honored with passage on the Mayflower, others in ships, belonging to the Crown and still more in Merchant marine. Some landing in Canadian ports, some in New York and Eastward, while the larger part came to the Albermarle ports. Virginia became the distributing point of numbers of them in after years. It is a matter of record that at least one member of the house of Commons by our Strange, though common name, left his ancestral home and conferred honors, to make his fortune in the New Eldorado, and in the war of 1773-6, fought for the rights of his adopted country. We also find them fighting for home and home rights in the war of 1812, and at least one of our number sat in the National Senate, and many in state Legislative bodies to lend their voices to the great cause of establishing the greatest country the world ever saw. Wherever they went, the Bible, was their great light, and the brief family record as revealed in the Bible was their only account of their ancestry, which scarcely ever exceeded three generations. With this limited record,

in course of time their past history was largely forgotten, except as mere tradition.

Hence we find traditions, many, that doubtless are true but which cannot be relied on in detail, yet are convincing as to their origin. All along this series of investigations, we find evidence of long forgotten blood ties; of traditional romances, and unity in religious view points, that, to the writer at least, are fully convincing, that we are all descendants of one common parentage, away back in the past centuries. The entire absence of reliable genealogical records, has made it almost impossible to connect the fragments of history we have gathered from the various sources. Several Strangers, in different parts of the country, have made attempts to trace their ancestry, and when the writer would approach them for help, would say: "Your people came from London, and ours came from Glasgow, or Gloucestershire, or Cork and therefore we are of a different stock of people", and in consequence of this stubborn adherence to this idea, many interesting exhibits of family relationship have been withheld.

All along the line of descent we have found our people to be a patriotic, religious, and courageous folk; domestic in habits, lovers of music and the arts, versatile, resourceful, and ever true to the country to which they paid homage.

In closing this volume, we must say, that while we believe the statements herein are substantially true, yet there are many defects and missing links, which might, if the full facts were known, change many aspects of presentation without changing the material history.

Anticipating that discrepancies will be seen, and omissions regretted, it is our hope that such will be an inspiration to some one else to endeavor, with better facilities and more extensive information, to continue these investigations, and satisfactorily solve what now seems more or less obscure or problematical.

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